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When Science and Magic Combine: The Shameless Fraud known as Darwinian Evolution

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“The earth is the LORD’s and the fulness thereof.” – Psalm 24:1



Like most college students in our modern, materialistic world, I was taught to believe in the so-called science of evolution. All the usual proofs were trotted out and we were expected to accept that the staggering diversity of life that we see around us was simply the product of a long series of random genetic mutations. This seemed a rather naive way of explaining phenomena which, even to my limited understanding, seemed incredibly complex.

Given sufficient time, could an elephant *really* evolve from a primitive micro-organism through multiple stages of ever-increasing complexity? The leap from one level to another seemed far too great for such an explanation to be tenable. But the experts alleged – and science claimed to prove – that any life-form could develop from a more primitive antecedent provided the right sequence of purely random changes at a chemical level had sufficient time to occur.

After graduation I continued to give thought to this question. It puzzled me that many so-called experts in the field, such as Dawkins and Gould, could make such far-reaching claims about the origin and design of the living world using the most nebulous forms of evidence. Their presumed proofs of evolution were interwoven with so many cozy assumptions and unproven connections that at times it was difficult to tell which elements of their argument were hard science and which were pure conjecture. They continually shied away from the hard test of reality, rather like an architect who feels entitled to ignore the law of gravity when designing an ambitious structure. Despite their bluster, they never seemed quite able to convince themselves – let alone their readers – that evolution was true, that an extremely long series of purely random events at a microscopic level could really produce ever-higher degrees of self-sustaining, self-replicating complexity.

A Massive Logical Hole

There was one problem in particular that bothered me, a problem which none of the experts seemed willing to address, or even acknowledge:

If millions of chance mutations are needed before one truly beneficial mutation can emerge, then what becomes of those mutations that are not immediately fatal to the organism and are passed on to the next generation? Such deleterious mutations would, from a statistical standpoint, far exceed the number of supposedly beneficial ones. Thus their inevitable entry into the gene pool would result in the progressive *deterioration* of a species and its eventual demise.

If Dawkins, Gould and the others were right, then the very mechanism that they were using to *explain* evolution must lead inexorably, not to the creation of a new species, but to the *destruction* of existing ones!

Even if this were the *only* logical problem with this so-called science, it would destroy it completely. But there are many others. In fact, the theory of evolution contravenes so many well-established principles of physics, chemistry and mathematics that it is difficult to understand why so many otherwise rational men and women continue to believe in it.

This paper tells the story behind the story, the true nature and purpose of the elaborate pseudo-science known as Evolution.

The Rat's Nest

The theory of evolution would be easy to defend if it were truly scientific, but because it is fundamentally irrational it must be reinforced, reinterpreted and reinvented almost continually. In addition, all kinds of distractions are employed by its most radical adherents in order to deflect attention from a rat's nest of embarrassing facts.

Here are just a few of these facts:

1. Salt-polluted oceans

The evolutionary process needs millions of years to operate successfully. However, even if the earth were just 10 million years old – a small fraction of the time required for ‘evolution’ to take effect – the oceans of the world would be so heavily laden with salt and other soluble mineral deposits that they would be as lifeless as the Dead Sea.

2. Total erosion

By the same token, at existing rates of weathering and erosion, the great mountain ranges of the world would have completely worn away and the earth’s surface would now be a soil-depleted wasteland. Furthermore, the accumulation of alluvium from the world’s rivers over such a long period would have covered the ocean floors with a uniform carpet of silt several miles deep. Since obviously neither is the case, we know that the earth must be thousands, not millions, of years old.

3. The radical gap between life and non-life

It has never been demonstrated that life of any kind can emerge from inanimate chemical constituents. Scientists have not even developed a theoretical model of how this might be achieved. In the so-called Miller-Urey experiment of 1953 a number of amino acids were synthesized from a mixture of water, methane, ammonia and hydrogen using high-voltage discharges. This rudimentary chemical reaction did not produce life of any kind, so the argument that it ‘came close’ or that a life-forming mechanism had been identified was pure humbug.

4. The deliberate trivialisation of complexity

Life cannot develop except in the form of a living cell, the smallest possible self-sustaining, self-reproducing organic unit. The early evolutionists, including Darwin himself, regarded the cell as a fairly simple structure, rather like a tiny protoplasmic clockwork device. This allowed them to employ a concept of ‘life’ that could be explained in fairly primitive mechanical terms. Of course, an evolutionary explanation is much easier to sustain if the fundamental components of life are defined in a trivial way.

Scientific advances over the past 100 years or so have confirmed that the cell is many millions of times more complex than the simple mechanism that Darwin and his contemporaries had imagined. Even the most primitive cell is now known to contain dozens of types of organelles which move around in a highly structured manner performing an amazing array of intricate functions.

The cell is in reality an immensely complex chemical factory, with hundreds of discrete processes taking place at the same time. Among its many highly sophisticated components are DNA, RNA, cytoplasm, ribosomes, enzymes, mitochondria, proteins, locomotive cilia, and an elaborate system of cytoplasmic membranes, sacs and vesicles.

In addition, the mitochondria are known to possess their *own* DNA and RNA, which is completely different from the DNA and RNA found elsewhere in the cell. And since they are self-replicating, they are produced only by an earlier generation of mitochondria – the cell nucleus itself cannot produce them. Thus, in order to function properly, a cell must contain an energy-producing organelle which cannot survive outside the cell and which the cell itself cannot produce!

To believe that something this complex could have arisen by chance is disingenuous in the extreme. Statistically it could never happen, no matter how much time was allowed to elapse.

We will discuss the question of probability in more detail below.

5. The complete absence of intermediary forms in the fossil record

For a new species to evolve gradually over a long period of time, it would have to pass through a number of intermediary stages before a fully functioning, survival-enhancing attribute could be added to its genetic code. Dozens of transitional body forms would conceivably be required before this new state was attained. These in turn should appear with great frequency in the fossil record. Evolutionists in the 19th century, who lacked fossil evidence of this kind, were confident that such intermediary forms would soon be identified, but this never happened. All species – whether they are fish, crustaceans, reptiles, mammals, marsupials, insects, or birds – appear suddenly in the fossil record, fully formed, without any intermediary stages whatsoever.

In a proper scientific discipline an anomaly of this magnitude would quickly consign a theory to the trash heap, but in the strange world of evolution – where principles like causality, proof and evidence are applied only when they support the outcome one is seeking – such an obvious outcome is not even considered.

6. Recourse to circular reasoning

Some of the key concepts in evolutionary theory are actually based on circular reasoning. For example, evolution is meant to guarantee the survival of the fittest, but the fittest are never defined in any meaningful way. They are simply the individuals who survive! This kind of reasoning is depressingly silly, but it is quite common among the Darwinian elite who dominate the biological sciences today.

We have already seen how a cell cannot function without the mitochondria that supply it with essential energy, but its own DNA cannot produce the necessary mitochondria. No cell, no mitochondria; no mitochondria, no cell. Such interdependent relationships cannot be explained in evolutionary terms – unless one resorts to some form of circular reasoning.

Let's take another example. The age of a fossil is determined by the rock stratum in which it is found, but these strata in turn are assigned a position in the geological column by reference to the fossils they contain.

If you are not already familiar with the strange world of evolution, you may think I am making this stuff up, but incredibly I am not.

7. Conflict with other branches of science

All branches of science – with one exception – recognise and accept the second law of thermodynamics. This law states that all orderly processes in the universe are continually moving into a less ordered state. In short they are decaying. The most obvious example is progressive heat loss. Every object, large or small, terrestrial or interstellar, is losing heat through radiation. This can never be recaptured in its totality, which means that every ordered system will eventually lose heat and die unless more is added from another source.

This law commands respect in every branch of science except evolutionary biology. Why? Because it refutes a fundamental tenet of evolution, namely, that an ordered system can advance, purely by chance, into a more ordered state. In short, the second law of thermodynamics, sometimes known as the law of entropy, guarantees that nothing can ever evolve. Therefore, unless several other branches of science are seriously defective, the so-called science of evolution is completely bogus.

8. Uniformitarianism

Since evolution needs hundreds of millions of years to take effect, the fossil record must reflect this. The sedimentary rock strata in which fossils are embedded must therefore have accumulated in an extremely slow, uniform manner across all regions of the earth's crust. If changes in rock strata took place over a short period of time, then any fossils they contain must have 'evolved' over an equally short period of time, which would conflict with the theory of evolution.

For this reason the sister science of geology has postulated that all transformative processes on the earth's surface for eons past have been very slow and very gradual, much like those we see today. This completely excludes the possibility of a catastrophic event which may have radically altered the profile and composition of rock strata across large parts of the earth's crust.

This assumption – for it is nothing more – is known as uniformitarianism. Even though there are countless geological phenomena that cannot be explained satisfactorily in accordance with a uniformitarian mechanism, it continues to dominate the science of geology. These include the formation of the Grand Canyon in Colorado, the existence of truly massive boulders in locations far removed from their place of origin, and the radical misalignment of rock strata which supposedly accumulated along uniformitarian lines on a continental scale over millions of years.

Uniformitarianism is such an orthodox dogma of geology that it has remained virtually immune to criticism for nearly two hundred years. Despite extensive evidence that the earth's crust has been subjected to significant upheaval in the recent past, the possibility is simply dismissed.

9. The geological column

Uniformitarian principles require that rock strata develop slowly over long periods of time, with layers of distinct morphology and composition accumulating one on top of another. The logic of this model requires that the sequence be consistent on a continental scale since otherwise no meaningful conclusions could be drawn about the time epoch in which they were laid down. All layers of the same type should therefore denote the same segment of geological time. Geologists have analysed these layers in a wide variety of locations around the globe and compiled what is known as the 'geological column', a kind of universal timepiece for determining the age of each layer.

We have already noted a major problem with the geological column, namely that the age of each layer was initially calculated by reference to the fossils that it contained, while the age of the fossils was determined largely by reference to the layer in which it was found. But there is another remarkable problem with the geological column – it doesn't actually exist! Not one extant example of the column may be found anywhere on earth. Furthermore, in many places where segments of the alleged column do exist, the sequence of layers differs from the one 'approved' by the scientific community. Given that each layer was meant to have accumulated along uniformitarian lines over millions of years, it is difficult to explain how even one layer could appear out of sequence.

10. Fossilisation

There is no doubt that an astonishing variety of species, many of which are now extinct, may be found in the fossil record. Their authenticity is not disputed. But a truly unusual fact is often overlooked, namely that uniformitarian model has no way explaining how they got there!

The natural world has an abundance of species which live off carrion, which scavenge for dead and dying animals, and which leave no respectable remnant to be fossilised. Even those few fragments that escape the scavengers are shortly thereafter consumed by insects, bacteria and a multiplicity of micro-organisms. According to the evolutionary theorists we are expected to believe, not just that intact carcasses can remain untouched for many weeks or months, but that they can retain their integrity for such long periods that soil and other debris have sufficient time to accumulate and entomb them. Even scientists who explore the ocean floor in regions rich in marine life are unable to find even a vestige of the material that would be needed to form a fossilised carcass or skeleton.

In short, organic matter cannot survive long enough, either in the soil or in the sea, to be amenable to the ultra-slow process of fossilisation – yet another glaring flaw with the uniformitarian model and the theory of evolution.

11. Fossil abundance

If the earth is as old as the evolutionists maintain, and fossilisation proceeds in accordance with the uniformitarian model, then one ought to find an abundance of fossils in all sedimentary rocks – without exception. A hundred million years is a truly enormous period of time, during which virtually every square mile of the earth's surface should have accumulated hundreds, if not thousands of tons of fossilised material. But fossil troves are relatively rare and the widespread distribution that one would expect is simply not found.

12. Fossil graveyards

Evolutionists play down an intriguing (and anomalous) aspect of fossil deposition, namely the frequency with which they are found in 'fossil graveyards', large aggregations of the fossilised remains of a wide variety of species. Many of these 'graveyards' – also known as *bone beds* or *lagerstätten* – contain a bewildering diversity of animals. For example, the Maotianshan Shales in Yunnan Province, China, has 185 different species among its fossilised fauna, comprising an amazing 15 phylums. It's as though several sections of a large zoo had been frozen in time. The rate of fossilization was so rapid that even the antennae and other soft body parts of the trilobites were preserved.

A process of slow fossilization could not have achieved either of these outcomes. Soft body parts would have decayed long before detail of this quality could have been preserved, while the statistical probability that so many different species should come together seriatim in this one location over thousands, if not millions, of years and just happen to get fossilized, is a resounding nil.

The phenomena observed at Maotianshan could only have resulted from a short traumatic event which killed all of the specimens at the same time, perhaps even the same day, and embalmed them in mud. Furthermore, the diversity of the species found in the shales would suggest that many of them had originated across a wide geographical area and were transported to the 'graveyard' in a massive flood of some kind. In short, fossil graveyards offer no evidence of evolution and make a laughingstock of the uniformitarian model.

13. Human population

According to the evolutionists, mankind evolved in the Great Rift Valley in north-east Africa about 200,000 years ago. Now let's consider for a moment the severe practical implications of this. If we assume that the rate of population increase among early man was broadly similar to the rate obtaining today – a little over 1 percent – and if we assume that the total human population of the earth 200,000 years ago was a mere 100 individuals, then it would have grown to several trillion (not billion) in less than *ten* thousand years!

Perhaps a global annual rate of increase of 1 percent is too high. However, even if we use a lesser rate, we still get an astronomical expansion in the population in just a few thousand years. For example, some historians reckon that the population of the planet as a whole at the time of Christ was around 100 million. Based on a current (2012) world population of 7 billion, this represents a long-run annual increase of slightly over one fifth of one percent (0.212%). If we apply the same annual rate of increase to our Rift Valley population, it would have grown from 100 individuals to 157 billion in just 10,000 years. After a few more millennia, there would have been no space on the planet for even one more person.

As you can see, the Great Rift Valley theory is sheer nonsense. It should not even be dignified with the epithet 'theory'.

If we extrapolate backwards from today's population using only a *slightly* higher (but still very conservative) annual growth rate – 0.302% instead of 0.212% – we find that a starting population of 100 people would have increased to seven billion, the current population of the world, in about 6,000 years. This is fully consistent with the timeframe found in the Bible.

14. Simultaneous evolution of sexual opposites

Evolutionists regularly rhapsodize over the ingenious way 'nature' has achieved optimum genetic diversity through cross-pollination and sexual reproduction. But they give little attention to the serious problem that this poses for evolutionary theory. The actual transmission of genetic material from the male to the female is a remarkably complex process, both chemically and behaviourally, in a vast number of species.

For example, in many species the male must emit certain chemical triggers to which the female must respond in a very specific way. Unless his signal and her response are exactly right, they will not mate. But, according to the theory of evolution, the reproductive mechanisms in both the male and the female must have evolved independently. Therefore evolutionists actually believe that the genes which enable these two highly complex, complementary processes to operate just happened to evolve in exactly the right way at exactly the same time in exactly the same location. Of course, this is utterly impossible – a complete fantasy. But it is fairly typical of the evolutionary mindset, where an astronomical series of improbably accidents is deemed to occur, not once but twice, and produce two perfectly adapted, sexually compatible organisms of dazzling complexity.

It's as though eons of time were a kind of pixie dust that can bring order out of chaos.

15. Mutation of Fruit-Flies

Evolutionists insist that a series of random mutations must eventually give rise to one which somehow confers an actual or potential advantage on a species, however small the change may be. In their determination to provide experimental evidence of this, they have bred countless generations of fruit-flies (*drosophila melanogaster*) under controlled laboratory conditions and induced random mutations in their genetic code through irradiation and other methods.

Since the fruit fly can produce a new generation every two weeks or so, scientists have been able to observe the outcome across hundreds of generations. So how many new species have been produced by this process? How many new proteins? How many new enzymes?

The answer: Not one.

We could cite many more jaw-dropping anomalies in evolutionary theory, but these ought to be sufficient. The list is long and getting longer as more and more scientists are beginning to regain their sanity and asking fairly obvious questions about this absurd pseudo-science.

Many scientists who reject evolutionary theory have a background in mathematics, informatics, chemistry or engineering, where convenient assumptions are anathema, where experimental rigour is essential, and where woolly reasoning is ruthlessly exposed. They also understand such basics as the laws of probability, the second law of thermodynamics, and the destructive effect of chance events on organised systems. They also tend on the whole to be more intelligent – one doesn't need to be all that smart to collect rocks and insects for a living.

We will shortly discuss the reasons why more scientists do not openly condemn the pseudo-science of evolution, but first we need to look why so many still accept it.

Why do so many scientists continue to believe in evolution?

It should be apparent by now that one must be willing to make a great many assumptions in order to believe in evolution. A well-developed ability to ignore unpalatable facts is also a great advantage. Having said that, most of those who accept evolution are sincere and well-meaning in their convictions. They have been taught the 'science' at mainstream academic institutions and have no reason to doubt the integrity of their professors. Should some aspects of evolutionary theory appear less than convincing, diligent students are expected to find solace in the knowledge that such a powerful explanatory paradigm must of necessity have elements that are difficult to understand. Besides, if everyone else believes it to be fundamentally true, then it must be okay. After all, the only real alternative is to believe that God created everything – which, in an age of rampant scepticism, is a step too far.

Evolutionists have used a wide range of tricks down the years to deceive and beguile the unwary. We have already discussed one of them – the *Simple Cell* trick – which trivialises complexity and conceals the very phenomena that evolution is supposed to explain. Another is the *Endless Time* trick which, when all else fails, allows *any* problem to be solved, no matter how intractable, by simply immersing it for millions of years in the mystical pool of pure chance.

The following table lists some of the most common swindles employed by evolutionists to circumvent the laws of logic:

Eight tricks frequently used by evolutionists to deceive both themselves and the public		
	Title	Short Description
1.	<i>The Simple Cell Trick</i>	Dramatically understates the incredible complexity of the living cell.
2.	<i>The Big Number Trick</i>	Disguises or ignores the reality of statistical impossibilities.
3.	<i>The Order-out-of-Chaos Trick</i>	Ignores the Second Law of Thermodynamics which states that order can never increase by chance.
4.	<i>The Pig's Tooth Trick</i>	Draws major inferences from trivial data and assumes non-existent connections.
5.	<i>The Similarity Trick</i>	Assumes that things which look the same really are the same, whether structurally or functionally.
6.	<i>The Endless Time Trick</i>	Assumes that, given enough time, virtually anything can happen.
7.	<i>The Circular Reasoning Trick</i>	Uses A to prove B and B to prove A.
8.	<i>The Rat's Nest Trick</i>	Ignores uncomfortable facts and contradictory evidence.

One of the most popular Darwinian parlour games is the *Big Number* trick which exploits the common inability, even among experienced scientists, to comprehend the magnitude of really large numbers.

We can all form a mental picture of a collection of ten thousand objects, for example the total number of seats in a football stadium. This figure (10,000) can be expressed another way, as 10 to the power of 4 (which may be denoted as 10^4). This is 10 multiplied by itself 4 times [$10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 = 10,000$]. But we run into difficulty when we try to come up with similar mental pictures for much larger numbers. For example, how would you envisage 10^{100} grains of sand? As a long beach, perhaps, or a huge quarry? An astute individual might opt for an object as large as the earth. But even he would be way off the mark. Physicists have calculated that the total matter in the universe – over 80 billion galaxies – contains approximately 10^{80} atoms. This means that not even the universe itself could contain our pile of sand!

We call these tricks rather than fallacies because they have been exploited shamelessly for decades by atheistic materialists to deceive their victims.

Is *deceive* too strong a word? Well, if a set of known logical fallacies are continuously exploited in a systematic way to achieve a particular outcome, then we are talking about deception. Not bad science, not ideological bias, but deception.

T H Huxley, who was probably the most ardent public advocate of Darwin's theory in the period following the publication of *The Origin of Species* (1859), had no qualms about exploiting both the *Simple Cell* trick and the *Big Number* trick. During some of his famous public debates he claimed that, given enough time, a team of 100 monkeys typing on a 100 typewriters, day and night, without stopping, would eventually type out Psalm 23. To most of his audience this seemed a fairly plausible proposition. After all, if the monkeys just keep hammering away they are bound to get there eventually – aren't they?

Let's take a closer look. The whole question is one of probability. Just how long would they have to keep typing to produce the intended outcome? Psalm 23 (in the King James Version) contains 461 characters (For the sake of simplicity we'll ignore spaces and capitalisation. We'll also be kind to the monkeys and give them typewriters with just 26 keys).

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The probability that the first monkey would strike the letter 't' on his first stroke is 1 in 26. The probability that he would strike the letter 'h' on his second stroke is also 1 in 26. The same probability applies to each of the 461 letters in the psalm. However, the probability that he would do this for 461 successive strokes in the required sequence is **not** 26 x 461 **but** 26 to the power of 461 (26⁴⁶¹).

The members of Huxley's audience had absolutely no idea that they were dealing with numbers of this magnitude. The truth is that 26^{461} is so incredibly large that an event contingent upon such a probability could never arise. The monkeys would **never** succeed in typing the psalm correctly, no matter how long they spent at their typewriters. In fact, they wouldn't even manage to type the first two sentences correctly!

Statisticians usually take 10^{40} as the point beyond which an event is impossible. In other words, if that is the number of random iterations that are needed to achieve the outcome in question, then it simply cannot happen – ever. Please take careful note of this crucial fact. It is science, hard mathematics, and not the childish make-believe that passes for science in the field of evolutionary biology.

Countless scientists in our modern industrial and academic communities – men and woman of learning and intelligence – have been taken for fools. They too have fallen for the *Simple Cell* trick and the *Big Number* trick. Perhaps the tricks are being packaged in a more sophisticated manner than they were in the days of Huxley and his crew, but they are still fundamentally the same tricks.

The college textbooks also take care to omit the Rat's Nest of anomalies that we noted earlier. Their presence would only prompt the more perceptive students to start thinking for themselves. If they did they would soon come to realize that the so-called science of evolution is built, not on tangible evidence, consistent logic and causal progression, but wishful thinking, pixie dust, and a cult-like avoidance of unpleasant facts.

The psychology of mass deception

The psychology behind all of this has been known for centuries. If a sufficient number of people can be induced to believe that something is true, especially if it is presented as such by someone in authority and supported by seemingly legitimate scientific evidence, it can be very difficult thereafter to shake their belief. The story of Sam Loyd and the Fifteen Tile puzzle is a graphic demonstration of this.

Sam Loyd was both a skilled mathematician and a pioneer in the field of puzzle composition in the 19th century. For many years he ran a popular column in a leading American newspaper. Some of his puzzles were so challenging that he often received hundreds of letters a day from his readers. He once published a tile-sliding puzzle, known as the Fifteen Tile puzzle which, he said, “drove the entire world crazy”:



The goal was very simple, namely, by sliding the tiles back and forth, to rearrange them in numerical sequence 1-15. This meant reversing the positions of tiles '14' and '15' in the initial position. As an added inducement, Loyd offered \$1000 – a truly magnificent prize in those days – to the person who submitted the first correct solution. Naturally, since the prize was so generous and the puzzle so easy to understand, the competition excited enormous public interest and the response was overwhelming.

Thousands of his readers were convinced that they had cracked the problem. Doubtless, many of the proposed solutions were ingenious and flattered both the intelligence and diligence of their authors. But Loyd didn't need to open and examine a single entry. Why? Because the puzzle has no solution.

The Fifteen Tile puzzle is known to mathematicians to be solvable in only half of all starting positions. All the rest are impossible. Loyd simply chose one of the impossible positions, where the tiles were teasingly close to the correct sequence, and invited his readers to torture themselves to the point of madness trying to solve it.

Perhaps it was not entirely fair of Loyd to set a puzzle that couldn't be solved, but his readers didn't suspect a thing. After all, the problem was easy to understand, the prize was immensely attractive, and Loyd enjoyed a sterling reputation.

Contemporary scientists continue to believe in the Theory of Evolution for very similar reasons: It has been put together and promoted by people of high reputation; it is not too hard to understand; and the prize – a comprehensive explanation of life itself – is immensely attractive. The only drawback, of course, is that – like Loyd's puzzle – it is nothing more than a slick piece of chicanery.

The Real Agenda behind the Theory of Evolution

In light of all this we must ask why a theory that contravenes so many principles of mathematics and sound reason could have been propounded in the first place? If it was not designed to satisfy our appetite for scientific integrity, then what *was* it designed for?

The answer is human pride, the age-old desire of rebellious, fallen men to assert their independence from God.

Evolution is not a science but a religious conviction, a determined effort to account for life on earth without reference to a Creator. Many of its pioneers despised Christianity. The vast majority of its original proponents were atheists, humanists or freemasons. While pretending to be scientists engaged in the impartial and objective pursuit of truth, they rejected from the outset an explanation that reflected a Biblical perspective.

This is the mindset that dominates the scientific establishment today. All observable phenomena **must** be interpreted and explained without any reference whatsoever to a Creator.

Please think carefully about this, dear reader, since it is crucial to understanding what is really happening in our world today. Science, as constituted by the people who control our colleges and universities, must **always** exclude God. This is the core principle and defining characteristic of contemporary science. It was first established by the Royal Society in England in 1660, most of whose members were either Rosicrucians or Freemasons, and by the French Academy of Sciences, which was dominated by Grand Orient Freemasonry, an intensely anti-Christian brand of paganism.

Of course, many scientists *do* believe in a Creator, but they are not allowed to express this dynamic in their professional lives. A well-argued paper by a reputable scientist which tried to show – or even suggest – that God is at work in the universe would be dismissed as ‘religious’ and rejected by the editor. It would never see the light of day.

A remarkable example of this pernicious mindset may be found in a review by Richard Lewontin in *The New York Times Book Reviews*, 9 January 1997. Professor Lewontin, who has held several prestigious academic posts during his illustrious career, is a staunch advocate of evolution and highly regarded by his peers. The opinion that he expressed in his review is endemic today among evolutionary biologists, most of whom gloat over the dismissal of God from all scientific discourse [*Note: The italicised words were in the original*]:

Our willingness to accept scientific claims that are against common sense is the key to an understanding of the real struggle between science and the supernatural. We take the side of science *in spite* of the patent absurdity of some of its constructs, *in spite* of its failure to fulfill many of its extravagant promises of health and life, *in spite* of the tolerance of the scientific community for unsubstantiated just-so stories, because we have a prior commitment, a commitment to materialism. It is not that the methods and institutions of science somehow compel us to accept a material explanation of the phenomenal world, but, on the contrary, that we are forced by our *a priori* adherence to material causes to create an apparatus of investigation and a set of concepts that produce material explanations, no matter how counter-intuitive, no matter how mystifying to the uninitiated. Moreover, that materialism is absolute, for we cannot allow a Divine Foot in the door. The eminent Kant scholar Lewis Beck used to say that anyone who could believe in God could believe in anything. To appeal to an omnipotent deity is to allow that at any moment the regularities of nature may be ruptured, that miracles may happen.

We are grateful to Professor Lewontin for revealing, perhaps unwittingly, the true motivation behind the evolutionary agenda. He states plainly that he and his atheistic colleagues hold to absurd constructs because of their prior commitment to materialism. It really doesn't matter to them how ridiculous a scientific proposition may be as long as it excludes God, “for we cannot allow a Divine Foot in the door.” As he boasts, “materialism is absolute.”

And that, dear reader, is what it's all about.

The Long War Against God

Evolution is a profoundly political issue. The Freemasonic elite and ultra-rich atheists who control the pulse of academia in Britain, Germany, France, Italy and the United States – and have done so for centuries – will not tolerate any attempt to connect creation with its Creator. Since they loath the God of the Bible, they must find an alternative way to account for the existence of life on earth, and even of the earth itself. Some scientists have tried to go down the pan-spermia road, whereby life on earth is explained by the chance arrival in our atmosphere of frozen bacteria from the depths of space, carried vast distances on interstellar dust. Others have speculated that, eons ago, life on earth was ‘seeded’ deliberately by intelligent lifeforms from another galaxy. But, to date, neither of these ‘explanations’ has won favour with the majority of scientists, probably because they speculate only about the distribution of life and not its origin.

Thus evolution is the only game in town. It carries with it the further advantage of promoting an evolutionary paradigm in other branches of science, notably cosmology. If the masses can be trained to accept that life on earth evolved from inert matter, then it should be relatively easy to convince them that the universe itself evolved out of nothing. [This is the so-called ‘Big Bang’ theory, another outrageous piece of pseudo-science which, alas, we have no time to address in this short paper.]

Must one be an atheist or an enemy of God to believe in evolution? Not at all! I suspect that most scientists who believe in evolution do so simply because they have been trained to believe it. The modern educational system has been framed in the main by humanists and atheists who hate Christianity and wish to destroy it. As a result it has greatly blunted our inborn ability to ask an honest question and not be satisfied until we get an honest answer.

Evolution is a consensus view which cannot tolerate criticism of any kind. To question evolution is to question science itself. An academic who does so risks being drummed out of his faculty or ostracized as a crank. Numerous academics in good standing have been punished for expressing doubts about the scientific validity of evolution. Many were non-Christian and didn’t even work in a life-science faculty. Punishment can include peer ridicule, exclusion from seminars and conferences, loss of promotion, inability to get papers published, failure to secure research funding, and even loss of tenure.

Over the last fifty years or so, Creation scientists and proponents of a creationist position have published devastating critiques of evolutionary theory. There was a time when evolutionists were prepared to stand on a public platform and debate the scientific validity of evolution with their Creationist opponents. However, they were annihilated with such frequency that they are no longer willing to expose themselves to ridicule in this way. Even Richard Dawkins, a radical advocate of evolution, is very careful to avoid public debate with seasoned Creationists. The only ‘debate’ evolutionists will conduct is through the controlled media and publishing houses, where all of the embarrassing questions can be pushed to one side and where a sickly caricature of the Creationist position can be ridiculed with impunity.

Why do leading newspapers never publish an article addressing the many known flaws and defects in evolutionary theory? Because they don't want the public to know just how irrational and dishonest it really is. The Masonic cabal who control *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *The London Times*, *Berliner Zeitung*, and *Le Monde*, along with dozens of other influential newspapers in both Europe and America, have no intention of providing a platform for views which might expose the great lie of evolution and the covert propaganda machine that underpins it.

The False God of Freemasonry

To understand the forces behind the strange science of evolution, one needs to realise that, while Freemasonry pretends to be 'Christian' or at least sympathetic to the ideals and traditions of Christianity, it is in fact an ancient religious system which despises Christianity. Its gods are those of Egypt and Babylon, Greece and Rome – the pagan pantheons that embody the energies and personalities of the fallen angels.

Freemasonry strives by every means possible to focus man's attention on himself. It is a humanistic, Luciferian doctrine which denies Christ, the need for salvation, and the truths of the Bible. It works in secret because it would never dare approach the light and reveal its true nature.

Freemasons call their god the *Great Architect*. Why? Because he can devise plans and schemes and strategies of great sophistication. On the other hand his high-sounding name reveals a much less flattering fact about him, namely that he can create **nothing**. Absolutely nothing.

This is why Freemasonry is so keen to promote 'evolution' as a creative force. How did the universe come into being? The answer: It evolved out of nothing. And where did the amazing panorama of life come from? The answer: It evolved out of inanimate matter, which in turn evolved out of nothing. QED.

This allows them to reject utterly any need for a Creator and elevates their own god – the so-called Great Architect – to the apex of the Cosmic Pantheon. It even allows them to believe that man himself will continue to evolve and one day become a god.

[I am reminded here of the only Aramaic verse in the Book of Jeremiah, a verse that could readily be understood by any Gentile Baal worshipper of his day: "Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens." (Jeremiah 10:11) In short, when Christ returns, these inflated 'gods' will be destroyed.]

Denial of a Cataclysmic Global Flood

Satan uses his 'angel of light' persona, known as Lucifer, to beguile his principal agents. These in turn create systems of worship on his behalf – such as Freemasonry – to ensnare and control the masses. It matters little to him what men believe as long as they don't believe in the LORD God of Creation and his only Son, Christ Jesus.

Evolution is an antichrist philosophy. Its principal purpose is to shake man's belief in the first eleven chapters of the Book of Genesis. Since one of the most dramatic events in Genesis was the global cataclysm known as the Flood (or Deluge), it became necessary to suppress all evidence that an event of such destructiveness had actually occurred some 4400 years ago. This would have several advantages. Firstly, it would consolidate the uniformitarian interpretation of geophysical phenomena. Secondly, it would hide from mankind the awesome magnitude of the LORD's judgment on a sinful world. And thirdly, it would serve to discredit the historical accuracy of Genesis and the veracity of the Bible as a whole.

As we have already noted, the foundations for evolutionary theory were laid in the early part of the 19th century with the uniformitarian doctrine of modern geology. This asserts that the only natural processes at work in the past were the same ones that we see operating in the world today. It was designed to reduce the Deluge to a small scale, regional event or, better still, to dismiss it entirely as a dramatic piece of fiction. Instead it proposed that the complex topology of the planet was formed in a very mundane manner by tiny changes over millions of years. Even though there was little original evidence to support this theory, it soon became widely accepted across Britain where it was first promulgated. And this happened only because many leading figures in the Anglican church were prepared to regard it as legitimate science.

It may seem difficult at first to understand why the majority of Anglican bishops and clergy should have responded so tamely to what was obviously a deliberate attack on the veracity of the Bible. However, when one realizes that a significant proportion of these men were actually non-believers and, in many cases, members of their local Masonic lodge, it begins to make sense. They had entered into a career with the Established Church – the official 'Christian' denomination of the British ruling class – because it promised security, a good income, high social standing, and a fairly undemanding lifestyle. An Anglican clergyman of the early 19th century was often as worldly, ambitious and indifferent to truth as many brokers and financiers are today.

With the craven capitulation of the Anglican Church, it was relatively easy to infect the minds and hearts of millions of people across Britain with this false teaching and, through the long reach of Empire, the world at large.

It is fashionable today to blame atheists and the like for the corruption of Christianity, but this is not really the case. They have a role, of course, but the chief blame lies with the preachers and pastors who no longer believe the Word of God. Had the Anglican clergy in the 19th century comprised a goodly body of true believers – instead of soft-living, séance-attending sceptics and Freemasons – she could have neutralised the false teaching of the Luciferian elite without too much difficulty.

Exactly the same phenomenon was at work in America in the 20th century, where the greatest enemies of the Word of God were – and still are – the thousands of Episcopalian, Presbyterian, Baptist, Pentecostal and Evangelical ministers who have consistently refused to take a stand against the dark forces of abortion, divorce, adultery, pornography, sexual perversion, pseudo-science, Freemasonry, New Age and occult teachings, and double-standards of every kind. A great many are themselves Freemasons (closet Luciferians), and are even more worldly in their conduct and outlook than their misguided parishioners.

Evolution as a justification for Racism and Eugenics

Evolution is a false, irrational philosophy which poses a very grave threat to the well-being of society. By describing human life as just one of many accidents in a long series of biological accidents, it cheapens humanity to an unimaginable degree. Murder has no meaning if human life has no meaning, except in zoological terms. Thus the killing of a child in the womb can be justified on the grounds that he or she is merely an undeveloped part of the mother's body. The modern abortion industry thrives on this horrific lie.

This fraudulent science has also played a major role in promoting the modern philosophy of eugenics. While eugenic ideas had long been visible in various strands of British empiricist philosophy, their application took a big step forward with the First International Eugenics Congress in London in 1912, which was led by Leonard Darwin, son of the racist, Charles Darwin. This was matched by similar developments in other countries, notably America and Germany.

Eugenics is based on the principle that human stock can be improved and that, as far as possible, inferior stock should not be allowed to breed. This belief permeates the mindset of the ultra-rich elite who currently exercise an iron grip on world affairs.

The Elite are convinced that, without strict regulation, the world's population will grow to the point where the very survival of humanity would be under threat. In their view it must be brought under control long before it reaches that point. To do this, they reason, a strict reproductive code must be enforced on a global scale. And if this is to be carried out effectively a system of world government must be introduced and the existing system of sovereign states abolished. The world should be ruled only by those who are born to rule.

The greater the delay in creating a socialist world government, the more extreme the solution will have to be. Inferior human stock is breeding exponentially and must be stopped. If covert sterilization through mass vaccination, atmospheric spraying and similar programs does not work, then more direct methods of mass culling will have to be introduced.

If this seems utterly improbable, think again. Remember, the Elite believe in evolution and survival of the fittest. In their twisted perception, the strong are not just morally entitled but morally *obliged* to eliminate the weak. It may seem callous, but it's a natural law. There are times when the strong must act decisively in their own best interests, when they must set aside sentimentality and do what must be done. If millions must die so that their own genetic excellence can survive and prosper, then so be it.

Some of the most respected intellectuals in British society in the last century were vocal proponents of this view. Consider, for example, the following remarks by H G Wells:

“And for the rest, those swarms of black, and brown, and dirty-white, and yellow people, who do not come into the new needs of efficiency ? Well, the world is a world, not a charitable institution, and I take it they will have to go. The whole tenor and meaning of the world, as I see it, is that they have to go. So far as they fail to develop sane, vigorous, and distinctive personalities for the great world of the future, it is their portion to die out and disappear.” (p.317)

- H G Wells, *Anticipations of the Reaction of Mechanical and Scientific Progress Upon Human Life and Thought*, 1902

Note that this opinion was expressed in one of Wells' non-fiction works. The racism behind it is truly astonishing – no high profile figure today would dare openly to express such an opinion. But the Elite were less secretive about their intentions a hundred years ago.

Occasionally, however, one of their members reveals just a little too much. One of these was Sir Julian Huxley, the first Director-General of UNESCO:

At the moment, it is probable that the indirect effect of civilisation is dysgenic instead of eugenic; and in any case it seems likely that the dead weight of genetic stupidity, physical weakness, mental instability, and disease-proneness, which already exist in the human species, will prove too great a burden for real progress to be achieved. Thus even though it is quite true that any radical eugenic policy will be for many years politically and psychologically impossible, it will be important for UNESCO to see that the eugenic problem is examined with the greatest care, and that the public mind is informed of the issues at stake so that much that now is unthinkable may at least become thinkable... (p.21)

Still another and quite different type of borderline subject is that of eugenics. It has been on the borderline between the scientific and the unscientific, constantly in danger of becoming a pseudoscience based on preconceived political ideas or on assumptions of racial or class superiority and inferiority. It is, however, essential that eugenics should be brought entirely within the borders of science, for as already indicated, in the not very remote future the problem of improving the average quality of human beings is likely to become urgent; and this can only be accomplished by applying the findings of a truly scientific eugenics. (p.37-38)

– Sir Julian Huxley, *UNESCO: Its Purpose and Its Philosophy*, 1948

Here we have a Globalist organization – UNESCO – promoting eugenics as a scientific solution to “the dead weight of genetic stupidity.” Note also that Huxley is not talking about improving living standards among humanity but of “improving the average quality of human beings.” In other words, he wants to use eugenics as an “urgent” means of improving the quality of human stock.

The Global Elite also intend to execute this program of population reduction with astonishing indifference to the suffering of their victims. Here is how Bertrand Russell, revered icon of the British intelligentsia, expressed their attitude:

I do not pretend that birth control is the only way in which population can be kept from increasing. There are others, which, one must suppose, opponents of birth control would prefer. War, as I remarked a moment ago, has hitherto been disappointing in this respect, but perhaps bacteriological war may prove more effective. If a Black Death could be spread throughout the world once in every generation survivors could procreate freely without making the world too full. There would be nothing in this to offend the consciences of the devout or to restrain the ambitions of nationalists. The state of affairs might be somewhat unpleasant, but what of that? Really high-minded people are indifferent to happiness, especially other people's. (p.103-104)

– Bertrand Russell, *The Impact of Science on Society*, 1953

Obviously men like Wells, Huxley and Russell must have been guided in their thinking by an ideal standard of genetic purity and human excellence. In case you have not already guessed, that ideal was found among the British ruling class. This prejudice had already been given an academic veneer by Darwin in his two classic works, *On the Origin of Species* and *The Descent of Man*. The former was published in 1859 and carried a most revealing sub-title: *The Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle to Survive*. Since they had long viewed themselves as one of these “favoured races” the British now had the scientific, and therefore the moral, justification they needed for the conquest and exploitation of people they deemed inferior.

Modern evolutionary biologists prefer to gloss over the deeply racist origins of their so-called science and the vital role it has played – and continues to play – in promoting eugenics and the extermination of people who are considered defective, inferior, or subnormal. The Nazis could never have slaughtered so many groups – Jews, gypsies, homosexuals, retarded children, and other ‘undesirables’ – without a seemingly scientific basis for doing so. Once the public is convinced that one race is more ‘human’ than another, more ‘evolved’ than another, or fundamentally ‘superior’ to another, it is a small step to argue that, for the good of humanity as a whole, the inferior race should be enslaved, culled or eliminated.

Few scientists today read the original works by Darwin, preferring instead to rely on modern re-statements of his ideas. But they ought to go back and see firsthand the depth of racism that informed them. The following give just a flavour of the racism underpinning *The Descent of Man*:

At some future period, not very distant as measured by centuries, the civilized races of man will almost certainly exterminate and replace the savage races throughout the world. At the same time the anthropomorphous apes...will no doubt be exterminated. The break between man and his nearest allies will then be wider, for it will intervene between man in a more civilised state, as we may hope, even than the Caucasian, and some ape as low as a baboon, instead of as now between the negro or Australian and the gorilla. (p.178)

– Charles Darwin, *The Descent of Man and Selection in Relation to Sex*, London, 1874 (second) edition; first published 1871

Like most leading British intellectuals of his day, Darwin believed that the white European would eventually “exterminate” the “savage races” of the world. As he saw it, the extermination of the negro would mean that man’s nearest relative would then be the lowly baboon.

If you have any doubts about the depth and intensity of the racism at work here, not to mention its genocidal potential, just consider the following:

If we look back to an extremely remote epoch, before man had arrived at the dignity of manhood, he would have been guided more by instinct and less by reason than are the lowest savages at the present time. (p.52)

With some savages, however, the foot has not altogether lost its prehensile power, as shown by their manner of climbing trees and of using them in other ways. (p.58)

Judging from the habits of savages and of the greater number of the Quadrumana [apes, monkeys, etc], primeval men, and even their ape-like progenitors, probably lived in society. (p.70)

With savages, the weak in body or mind are soon eliminated; and those that survive commonly exhibit a vigorous state of health. We civilized men, on the other hand, do our utmost to check the process of elimination; we build asylums for the imbecile, the maimed, and the sick; we institute poor-laws; and our medical men exert their utmost skill to save the life of every one to the last moment. There is reason to believe that vaccination has preserved thousands, who from a weak constitution would formerly have succumbed to small-pox. Thus the weak members of civilized societies propagate their kind. No one who has attended to the breeding of domestic animals will doubt that this must be highly injurious to the race of man. It is surprising how soon a want of care, or care wrongly directed, leads to the degeneration of a domestic race; but excepting in the case of man himself, hardly any one is so ignorant as to allow his worst animals to breed. (p.151-152)

The western nations of Europe, who now so immeasurably surpass their former savage progenitors and stand at the summit of civilization... (p.160)

The sentiments expressed here by Darwin could hardly be plainer. Allowing these “savage” races to multiply is “highly injurious to the race of man.” Only an irresponsible livestock manager would allow the “worst animals to breed.” The implication is clear – the “immeasurably” superior Anglo-Saxon must take the necessary steps to ensure that this dreadful state of affairs is not allowed to continue.

The Descent of Man is peppered throughout with statements which portray negroes and the so-called “savage” races as degenerate, having more in common with animals than with Anglo-Saxon man. Here is how he describes one species of monkey:

With some monkeys the beard is confined to the male, as in the orang; or is much larger in the male than in the female, as in the *Mycetes caraya* and *Pithecia satanas* (fig.68).

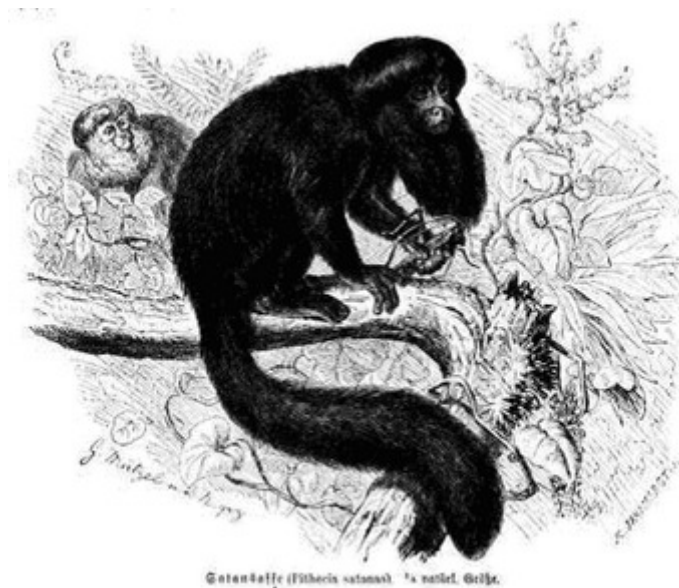


Fig. 68. *Pithecia satanas*, male

...The resemblance to a negro in miniature of *Pithecia satanas* with his jet-black skin, white rolling eyeballs and hair parted on the top of the head is almost ludicrous. (p.607 and p.690)

I regret having to include this tasteless piece of Darwinian propaganda, but it perfectly illustrates the deep vein of racism which permeates the Elitist mindset. What is more, it shows that this racism is very deeply rooted and is bound to result in outcomes that are injurious or fatal to other ethnic groups.

These depraved ideas have long held sway in British Establishment circles, and have been taught – usually covertly – in leading universities like Oxford, Cambridge and the London School of Economics. They were also transmitted to the most influential centers of learning in the United States, including Harvard, Princeton and Yale, and German universities like Heidelberg, Freiburg and Leipzig. The Nazi eugenics program, which was funded and encouraged by the Globalists, grew directly from this racist philosophy.

The Globalists recognize that, even among white northern Europeans – the favoured race – there will be many who will resist the New World Order and its program of ethnic cleansing. H G Wells makes it quite clear that all such resistance will be dealt with in summary fashion and “malcontents” eliminated:

...when the struggle seems to be drifting definitely towards a world social democracy, there may still be very great delays and disappointments before it becomes an efficient and beneficent world system. Countless people...will hate the new world order...and will die protesting against it. When we attempt to evaluate its promise, we have to bear in mind the distress of a generation or so of malcontents, many of them quite gallant and graceful-looking people. – H G Wells, *The New World Order*, 1939 (from Chapter 12)

Evolution as a blend of Science and Magic

While those responsible for devising the fraudulent theory of evolution, as well as enforcing the phony principle of uniformitarianism in geology, had rejected the God of Creation, they were definitely not atheists. They simply worshipped a different god.

This was the god of the Rosicrucians, the Freemasons, Deists, Unitarians, and the many branches of occult philosophy that sprung up across Europe after the fall of Constantinople in 1453. For example, it is well known that Isaac Newton, who died in 1727, left a greater corpus of alchemical and theological speculation than conventional scientific writing. He took care all his life to hide the fact that he was a Deist and not a Christian. But there were many others like him. They all had one thing in common – they utterly rejected the deity of Christ.

Copious proof of this may be found in the most authoritative works of Masonic literature, such as those by Albert Pike and Manley Palmer Hall. A readily available modern work – *The Invisible College* by Robert Lomas (2002) – gives ample evidence that the Royal Society, which laid the foundations for anti-Biblical scepticism, was formed in 1660 by a cabal of Freemasons for this very purpose.

Professor Michael Ruse, who describes himself as “an ardent evolutionist”, made a very frank admission in this regard when he stated:

Evolution is promoted by its practitioners as more than mere science. Evolution is promulgated as an ideology, a secular religion – a full-fledged alternative to Christianity, with meaning and morality. I am an ardent evolutionist and an ex-Christian, but I must admit that in this one complaint...the literalists are absolutely right. Evolution is a religion. This was true of evolution in the beginning, and it is true of evolution still today. – *How Evolution Became a Religion*, National Post, May 13, 2000.

No doubt many who believe in evolution today do not think in these terms, but they have nonetheless been inducted into a branch of the ancient pagan religions. While they may not accept the god of Freemasonry, the so-called Great Architect, they have unwittingly succumbed to the charms of a principal member of his pantheon, the goddess known as Destiny or Fate.

Like the pagan philosophers of Greece and Rome, the modern evolutionist is in thrall to the ancient metaphysical belief that seemingly chance events are controlled by *non-physical* forces beyond our understanding. Given enough time otherwise random processes will eventually produce a new type of order which could never have been predicted. To the shaman, this is magic; to the pagan it is fate or destiny; to the Hindu it is prana; to the Freemason it is order out of chaos – and to the modern biologist it is evolution. In short, they believe that an invisible, intangible intelligence permeates the universe and keeps it functioning in an orderly manner.

The ancient Romans could choose which among their gods they would honour and worship, but nearly all of them included the goddess Fortuna in their personal pantheon. She even featured on some of their coins:



She is associated with the medieval Wheel of Fortune, which incorporates elements from both the annual occult calendar and the zodiac of astrology. By honouring this goddess, the rank and file of Roman society were hoping to secure a little more good fortune than their destiny had determined. Every society in every civilisation has worshipped this goddess. Even hardened materialists are normally anxious to keep on the right side of Lady Luck.

One can see how respect for this goddess or principality is at work in the minds of evolutionists. A material process operates in a completely predictable, mechanical way for eons of time when suddenly, Lady Luck intervenes, and it moves into a higher level of order and complexity. The lifeless, sun-warmed pool gives birth to a protein, then an enzyme, then a long string of DNA which – with even more luck – turns into a living cell.

Evolution is 999 parts science and 1 part magic. And because the magical part is so small, it can be hidden away in eons of time and forgotten. Most evolutionists don't even realise that they believe in magic, that somewhere along the line, over millions of years, something magical happens – it only takes a second – and a new string of DNA is produced.

To their credit, Lewontin and his friend, Stephen Gould – another canonised saint of Evolution – recognised that the traditional evolutionary paradigm, whereby species evolved over millions of years through the accumulation of tiny beneficial changes, was fundamentally flawed. If a species evolved in that manner, then there would have to be dozens of intermediary stages in the fossil record. But there are none whatever. Instead they proposed the sudden emergence of a new species, with all of the necessary mutations occurring in a relatively short timeframe. In such a paradigm, the required changes would occur so quickly, by reference to geological time, that there would be no opportunity for the fossil record to capture and retain evidence of an intermediary stage.

This proposed new paradigm – which was given the fancy title, *punctuated equilibria* – was a gift to critics of evolutionary theory since it shone an embarrassingly bright light on the unspoken, magical component that had always been central to this occult philosophy. In the Gould-Lewontin model all the magic is compressed into a very short timeframe, where hundreds of utterly impossible mutations occur one after another in rapid succession. It need hardly be stated that the majority of traditional evolutionists reject this model as ridiculous, but they fail to see that their own model is just as dependent on Lady Luck. Magical thinking is magical thinking, no matter how one tries to disguise it.

A Stark Warning to Christians

The Bible condemned the Israelites for worshipping the deities, Fortune and Destiny:

But you who forsake the LORD, who forget my holy mountain, who set a table for **Fortune** and fill cups of mixed wine for **Destiny**, I will destine you to the sword, and all of you shall bow down to the slaughter, because, when I called, you did not answer; when I spoke, you did not listen, but you did what was evil in my eyes and chose what I did not delight in. – Isaiah 65:11-12

We should take this warning very seriously. The recognition of fortune or destiny, in any manner whatever, is straightforward idolatry and, as such, is deeply offensive to our Creator, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

It is impossible for a Christian to hold to these beliefs and still remain in a proper relationship with the LORD. This is why Satan and his fallen angelic hoard are so keen to get Christians to believe that fortune and destiny play a role – however small – in their day-to-day lives. While it is normal for pagans, Freemasons and other Luciferians to respect and honour these so-called deities, every true Christian should despise and reject them.

We would do well to reflect on another warning given by the LORD:

Yet ye have forsaken me, and served other gods: wherefore I will deliver you no more. Go and cry unto the gods which ye have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your tribulation. – Judges 10:13-14

This is directly applicable to all Christians today who believe in some form of *intelligent design* or *continuous creation*. Either one accepts the absolute sovereignty of God and His account of Creation given in Genesis – begun from nothing and completed in full in six 24-hour days – or one does not. To make His role in Creation conditional in any way on material processes, however ‘intelligent’ these processes may be, is straightforward idolatry.

Let no-one have any doubt about this. Destiny, fate, magic, prana, evolution and the rest are simply gimmicks that Satan is using to deceive – and destroy – his victims.

Blinding the opposition with ‘Science’

Whenever evolutionists are put on the spot, they generally point to the latest research – “But what about...?” – as proof that meaningful advances are still being made. This can be a very effective ploy since virtually no-one with any sense keeps up with evolutionary ‘research’ except ardent evolutionists. By continually publishing new ‘research’ and proposing or developing new experimental methodologies, cross-disciplinary techniques and so forth, they make it virtually impossible for anyone to contest the absurdity of their claims in a manner that evolutionists would find acceptable. Either you play the game their way or you don’t play at all.

This is how a cult works. The insiders, who have the ‘truth’, are impervious to reason. Any argument that might refute their assertions is turned inside out and taken as further proof of just how resilient their theory really is. And since the admissibility of evidence is determined by their theory, there is little point in trying to present them with unpalatable facts.

Evolutionists are effectively immune to arguments from the real world. The possibility that evolution itself might be utterly bogus does not even enter their minds. Indeed, in some cases their disregard for the real world is so great that they take evident pleasure in dismissing its glorious variety as nothing but a meaningless spectacle.

Evolution is utterly impossible because deleterious mutations will always accumulate thousands, if not millions of times faster than the so-called beneficial ones. Always. Not one species on earth is evolving. In fact, they are all ‘devolving’, gradually losing their genetic integrity by imperceptible degrees. Every generation or so a few more deleterious mutations enter the gene pool of each species. The Second Law of Thermodynamics will always ensure that this happens, where the high level of order encoded in the DNA of each species will progressively lose tiny amounts of its information content over time. If left unchecked, this universal process would eventually wipe out all life on earth.

Why don’t evolutionists see this? While one can point to the cult-like environment in which they move, as well as the weight of indoctrination to which they have been subjected since childhood, there is a further reason. They have been trained to harvest and analyze new data on an ongoing basis, to conduct more and more research, which in turn provides endless scope for speculation, theorising and conjecture. They are seduced – and blinded – by the prospect that the earth-shattering proof of evolution, which they have craved for so long, lies just around the corner.

The modern science of genetics is opening up a whole new world of data, a world that evolutionists are determined to exploit. The comparative analysis of genomes will be used to make all kinds of spurious, non-falsifiable claims in support of evolution. What is more, the specialized nature of the subject will ensure that only the experts – evolutionists, of course – will be eligible to comment.

Evolutionary Hoaxes, Deceptions and Lies

Having examined many of the flaws, anomalies and contradictions in the theory of evolution, it would seem appropriate at this stage to cite a few instances of downright fraud. The ‘science’ itself is so deficient in hard evidence that some of its more extreme proponents have from time to time resorted to blatant deception to confirm its veracity.

Here are just a few of many well-documented examples.

- Java Man

The Dutch paleoanthropologist Eugene Dubois discovered the fossilised remains of a cranial fragment, a femur and a few teeth in Java in 1891 and promptly declared that they belonged to an early hominid which he called *pithecanthropus erectus*. This find proved to be hugely influential and has featured in college textbooks ever since. But for thirty years Dubois neglected to inform the public that he had *also* found two human skulls near the same location as ‘Java Man’. Any realistic interpretation of the data would lead one to conclude that the femur was indeed human, just like the two skulls, but that the cranial fragment was that of an ape. By withholding information about the two skulls, Dubois was engaging in plain, old-fashioned fraud.

Note also the credulity of the scientists who were prepared to accept as definitive the flimsy ‘evidence’ presented by Dubois. One quickly learns, when examining the murky annals of paleoanthropology, that realism and common sense are frequently set aside in the obsessive drive to prove that man evolved from an ape. It doesn’t matter how trivial or pathetic the evidence happens to be as long as it sufficiently obscures to fool the public.

- Piltdown Man

When the fossilised remains of a skull and jawbone were found in a quarry in Piltdown, East Sussex in 1912, many of the world’s foremost paleoanthropologists hailed the find as evidence of a new species of early hominid, the much sought-after missing link between apes and modern man. It was not until 1953 that the Piltdown fossil was exposed as a fabrication that combined the skull of a modern human with the lower jaw-bone of an orangutan. In short, a deliberate fraud. The teeth had been filed and the bones stained in such a way as to approximate to what the evolutionists had hoped to find. This ought to have alerted the world at large to the credulity and naivety of the paleontological community as a whole, and to the outright dishonesty of a nucleus within it, but the textbooks and scientific journals preferred to gloss over the entire incident as an unfortunate once-off event.

The scientific community usually refers to the Piltdown incident as a hoax, as though it was something fundamentally harmless. But Piltdown was plainly not a hoax, but a crime. The continued unwillingness of the evolutionist community to describe the Piltdown fraud as a crime, and not merely a hoax, is indicative of the compromise, prejudice, and duplicity that still infect its ranks.

- Nebraska Man

In 1922 a leading evolutionist (and eugenicist), Henry Osborn, declared that a fossilised tooth found five years earlier in Nebraska was conclusive proof of a hitherto unknown species of hominid. Nebraska Man, as he was known, was cited in college textbooks as evidence of evolution and the simian origins of mankind. Some publications even carried an artist's depiction of what they imagined Nebraska Man must have looked like. However, not all scientists were convinced and it became clear after a few years that Osborn and his supporters were gravely mistaken.

The tooth was actually that of an extinct species of *pig*. Yes, a pig. This unsavoury episode highlighted yet again the willingness of a large segment of the scientific community to believe mouth-watering claims based on ridiculously trivial 'evidence' – in this case a pig's tooth. This tendency has never abated and paleontologists continue shamelessly to proclaim discoveries and breakthroughs that have no scientific validity. And since their work is reviewed by their peers – who possess the same elastic attitude to scientific rigour – it is never called seriously into question.

- Haeckel's Embryo Chart

Dubois, the creator of Java Man, was a disciple of the 'great' Ernst Haeckel, a very influential German professor at the University of Jena. Haeckel had published a set of prints in 1866 depicting the embryonic development of several species. These purported to show that the development cycle in the womb reflected (or 'recapitulated') the same stages that a species passed through during the long process of its evolution.

Haeckel's chart proved to be one of the greatest propaganda tools in history. Almost at a glance it seemed to provide irrefutable evidence that evolution was true. College students across Europe and America were converted in their thousands by his seductive chart.

The problem with Haeckel's chart is that it was a complete fabrication. Beginning with legitimate images of the embryos of different species, he made a number of adjustments to make them look more alike. He mixed embryos, removed or added parts, changed the relative size of various features and misidentified others, and one way or other distorted the evidence until he had achieved the outcome he wanted. Remember all of this was carried out at a time when the science of comparative embryology was little understood. Haeckel was aware that only a handful of experienced academics in Europe and America would be able to contest his claims but that, given the prestige of the University of Jena, this was unlikely.

However, someone *did* speak out. Professor Ludwig Rutimeyer of the University of Basel demonstrated to the authorities at Jena in 1868 that Haeckel's drawings were "a sin against scientific truthfulness." For example, he could show that Haeckel used the *same* woodcut to illustrate the embryos of three different species. Haeckel was forced to admit that his drawings were defective, but incredibly he was allowed to continue in his post. What is more, his retraction was apparently so low-key that the fraud was exposed all over again some years later, in 1874, by Professor Wilhelm His of the University of Leipzig. His stated that Haeckel had engaged in "blatant fraud" and "had eliminated himself from the ranks of scientific research workers of any stature."

One would think that Haeckel and his phony chart would have been reviled thereafter by the scientific community. But this never happened – which is a scandal in itself. Instead of denouncing the fraud committed by Haeckel, evolutionists have *continued* to use his chart as though it was authentic. It has been reproduced in countless college textbooks throughout the 20th century, and is still in use today.

- Haeckel's monera

Like many early evolutionists, Haeckel was both a pantheist and a racist. He nursed a deep hatred of Biblical truth and wanted his fellow Germans to worship the goddess Venus. He favoured the elimination of weak and deformed children through abortion and infanticide, the mass sterilization of millions of 'inferior' people, and the introduction of a nationwide euthanasia program to administer "a painless and rapid poison" to thousands of "incurables".

Haeckel also had his own version of the *Simple Cell Trick*. He alleged that a primeval slime in the ocean depths, laden with hitherto unknown micro-organisms which he called *monera*, functioned as a kind of universal mechanism for transforming inorganic ingredients into living cells. While he had no evidence whatever for his *monera* theory, his reputation was such that it was accepted by many scientists across Europe as an established fact. As it happened, the English evolutionist, T H Huxley, found what he believed to be evidence for *monera* in mud samples dredged from the floor of the North Atlantic, and even named the new 'species' *bathybius haeckelii*. However a few years later a ship's chemist discovered that the alcohol used to preserve the mud samples could produce an amorphous precipitate which Huxley had mistaken for evidence of organic life. Had this hilarious news not been suppressed, the ensuing scandal would have destroyed the reputations of many leading scientists across Europe.

Huxley was an ambitious manipulator. He formed a group of leading scientists which exercised an extraordinary influence over the British scientific establishment in the period 1865-1890. Known as the *X Club*, it set the agenda and decided the priorities of leading institutions like the Royal Society and the British Association for the Advancement of Science. His group also appointed fellow evolutionists to senior positions in other institutions, thus ensuring that the British scientific establishment would continue to be dominated by individuals who shared their contempt for Biblical truth. In their biography of Darwin, Adrian Desmond and James Moore aptly described the club as "a sort of masonic Darwinian lodge."

Apparently they called themselves the X Club, not because they had no clearly defined objectives – when obviously they had – but because they didn't wish the public to recognise their determination to 'professionalise' science by eliminating all reference to a Creator and putting in place what Desmond and Moore called "an intellectual priesthood."

Similar clubs were in existence in the US, where it was known as the *Scientific Lazzaroni*, and in France, where it was called the *Society of Arceuil*. This kind of manipulation continues to this day, not just in Britain but across Europe and the US, thereby ensuring that politically-motivated theories like evolution, the big bang, alien intelligence, and global warming are given a scientific veneer and provided with ample funding for research and propaganda purposes.

- A few more examples

We could give many more examples. Taken collectively they depict a discipline driven by irrationality, self-deception, vested interests, sloppy scientific practices, and a truly staggering disregard for even rudimentary standards of scientific integrity.

Just consider the following:

- ▶ Why do evolutionists continue to contend that the existence of a feathered version of *archaeopteryx*, the so-called missing link between reptiles and birds, has been confirmed by fossil evidence when the only known fossil specimen has been shown to be a manmade counterfeit?
- ▶ Why do evolutionists continue to maintain that the different 'species' of finch on the remote Galapagos Islands are proof of evolution when they are simply varieties derived from a common genome, just like breeds of dog?
- ▶ Why do evolutionists continue to promote the peppered moth as proof of evolution when it has long been known that the same genome is capable of producing all of the observed variation?
- ▶ Why do evolutionists continue to maintain that four-winged fruit flies, which were developed through artificial genetic mutation in a laboratory, are not a new species but a genetically damaged version of the original?
- ▶ Why do evolutionists continue to proclaim the so-called 'Horse Chart' as evidence of evolution when many of their own associates reject it as a just-so story, where even the hyrax (a rabbit-like animal still found in Africa today) is portrayed as an extinct species of horse? (*Again, I would remind the reader that I am not making this stuff up.*)
- ▶ Why is the fossil category known as *australopithecus afarensis* still being touted as a missing link when it has long been demonstrated that the best known specimen ('Lucy') – a small collection of non-descript bones – was simply an ape with no bipedal walking ability whatever?

- ▶ Why do evolutionists still refer to the existence of so-called vestigial organs as evidence of evolution when so many of their prime examples – the thymus, pineal and pituitary glands, and so-called ‘junk’ DNA – are long known to be scientific flimflam of the worst kind?
- ▶ Why do evolutionists still try to contend that bacteria develop a resistance to antibiotics through a process of evolution when it is well known that this resistance is *already* present in a minute percentage of the host population and that the mass death of their colleagues simply allows this miniscule remnant to flourish?
- ▶ Why do evolutionists still talk about the existence of similar genes across species as evidence of common ancestry when it is well known that no causal or developmental relationship of any kind has been demonstrated? The same information sequence embedded in two larger sequences may perform dramatically different functions in each case. For example, the number sequence 123 has a vastly different function in the number 123456789 than it does in the number 987654123. This is yet another of the many stupid ideas that pass for evidence in the mad world of evolution.
- ▶ Why do evolutionists continue to portray ‘co-evolution’ or co-dependence between species as a proof of evolution when, in reality, it only serves to highlight just how nonsensical the concept of evolution really is? For example, a certain species of plant can be pollinated only by a certain species of bird, which in turn is completely dependent on the plant for its nourishment. Neither species can exist without the other. That should an arrangement could have arisen by chance is many billions of times more improbable than the ‘evolution’ of either species separately. Seemingly in the mad world of evolution the more improbable something is, the more likely it is to be true.

A Few Words on Radiometric Dating

We cannot conclude our review without first saying a few words about radiometric dating. It is probably fair to say that, for most people, even those who don’t believe in evolution, radiometric dating provides convincing proof that the earth is hundreds of millions of years old.

It is based on the fact that, as radioactive material in a rock decays over a long period of time, it leaves behind a residual material, for example when potassium-40 decays to argon-40 or when rubidium-87 decays to strontium-87. The quantity of this material, which can be determined fairly precisely by chemical analysis, is in turn an accurate measure of the total amount of decay that has taken place. Since the decay rates for each radioisotope are already known it would certainly seem a very promising way of determining the total amount of time that must have elapsed since the decay process began.

Unfortunately, there are serious problems with this approach. It assumes that the rate of radioactive decay is constant over millions of years – *this has never been proven*. It assumes also that the original amount of marker residue in the specimen was zero – *there is no way of knowing this*. And it assumes that no chemical or other process has occurred that could have affected the amount of marker residue in the specimen. *Again, there is no way of knowing this*.

Even secular scientists concede that there are serious problems with radiometric dating. As evolutionist Dr William Stansfield has said:

It is obvious that radiometric techniques may not be the absolute dating methods that they are claimed to be. Age estimates on a given geologic stratum by different radiometric methods are often quite different (sometimes by hundreds of millions of years). There is no absolutely reliable long-term radiological 'clock'. – *The Science of Evolution, Macmillan, New York, 1977*

Note that age estimates can sometimes differ by hundreds of millions of years!

Another crucial fact, which even Christians seem to overlook, is that the world at the time of Creation would have appeared vastly older than it really was. Radiometric measurements would likely have shown rock samples in those early days to be tens, if not hundreds, of millions of years old.

So What is Really Going On?

The so-called science of evolution contradicts several known scientific laws, it plays fast and loose with the facts, it is dominated by figures who quash dissent and ridicule critics, it offers no scientifically valid basis for testing or falsifying its theories, it has been riddled with fraud and deception from the start, it never admits its mistakes, it has never produced a single piece of irrefutable evidence to prove its claims, it is contradicted by massive gaps in the fossil record, it is plagued by in-fighting and disagreement among its adherents, it has never been observed (even in a laboratory under carefully controlled conditions), and it purports to explain the staggering complexity of the natural world purely on the basis of an almost endless series of fortuitous accidents (not one of which has ever been observed).

And they have the audacity to call it a science!

By now it ought to be obvious to all but the most obtuse readers that Evolution is not a science but a scam. It has only one purpose, namely to discredit the Biblical account of Creation and to elevate the atheistic concepts of chaos and randomness to the level of universal ordering principles. It tries to replace the Biblical God of Creation with pagan deities like Fortune and Destiny, or the Great Architect of Freemasonry, or the rabid nihilism of Christ-hating humanists.

Evolution provides a pseudo-moral justification for abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, ethnic cleansing, and the control and exploitation of humanity by a self-appointed elite. It gives a basis for replacing 'outdated' social practices, such as marriage, monogamy, the family, fidelity, heterosexuality, the community and the nation, with more 'efficient' models of social organisation.

Evolutionists think that, by substituting inference for evidence, credulity for causality, and magic for logic, they can meet the exacting standards of true science. But they can't. Evolution is nothing but a well organized charade.

Furthermore, by making genuine science seem morally neutral, evolution opens the door to genetic experimentation and transhumanism – which seek to 'enhance' the human genome and food supply, merge human and animal DNA, and create machine-human hybrids.

In short it allows man to do pretty much what he pleases.

Evolution is promoted by wealthy pagans and practitioners of the occult who have vast financial resources at their disposal. They do so through their control over educational curricula, the endowment of chairs at universities, ownership of influential publishing houses, the provision of scholarships and grants to advance the cause of evolution, making movies and documentaries which promote evolution, controlling scientific journals, offering awards and other inducements to attract support for evolution, highlighting evolution in the popular media, and in many other ways. Some of the same mechanisms, particularly those relating to the popular media, are also being used – sometimes subtly, sometimes outrageously – to ridicule Creationism.

For anyone who has studied history, none of this should be surprising. Propaganda has been used for thousands of years by the rich and powerful to control and indoctrinate the masses. And it continues to be used to this day because it works. The Global Elite, who control the world through the international banking system, powerful international corporations, and a network of secret societies, are made up almost entirely of Christ-hating Luciferians. They take care to hide their true religious convictions and often pretend to be 'Christian', but they worship a different god, the angel of light known as Lucifer.

Anyone who believes in evolution is submitting to one of the most devious propaganda programs ever devised. It is a stepping stone to atheism, humanism and nihilism, freemasonry, pantheism, and the occult.

So the next time you hear a honey-toned narrator from the BBC pontificating about the wonders of the natural world, take note of the fact that he never gives credit to the Creator...Never! They are all just one big accident, he says, formed exclusively by the random processes of Evolution. In reality, these series, which comprise hours and hours of footage, are little more than extended exercises in blasphemy. We should hardly wonder that the headquarters of the BBC in Shepherd's Bush, London, is built around a massive shrine to Helios – the sun god better known as Lucifer.



National Geographic, the History Channel, the Discovery Channel – all are propaganda tools for evolution, humanism, socialism and one world government. All are set up and funded by the Elite. And all are designed to undermine and destroy Christianity.

Closing comments

Evolution is a fantasy world which perverts human reason, where shysters can weave their lies without being held to account, where a pig's tooth is proof of human evolution, where patent nonsense – like the existence of vestigial organs or the Great Rift Valley theory – can be presented as legitimate science, where a racist elite can slaughter millions of 'undesirables', where abortion is a lifestyle choice, where man is just another variety of ape, where a sprinkling of pixie dust brings order out of chaos, where magic and logic are interchangeable, and where moral values have absolutely no meaning. And the whole thing is designed and taught, not by criminal psychopaths – as one would have expected – but by college professors and 'really nice people'.

If you are one of the unfortunate innocents who believe in evolution, and yet are familiar with much of the material set out in this paper, then shame on you. Not only are you harming yourself spiritually, but you are harming others by your foolishness. You have a good mind – why not use it? Take a long hard look at the gormless nonsense known as evolution, at the snake-oil peddled by the Luciferian propaganda machine, and ask yourself how you could ever have believed such mind-numbing drivel.

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Just one example

I found I couldn't complete this paper without giving at least one example of Our Father's wonderful creations. The example I have chosen, the Venus Flower Basket, is from the website **creationmoments.com** -

The Venus Flower Basket

Ask any evolutionist, and he will tell you that the Venus Flower Basket is one of the least-evolved animals. This animal is actually a sponge that is made up of a colony of creatures, and it does some amazing things.



The Venus Flower Basket builds a basket-like skeleton made up of glass-like silica covered only by a thin layer of cells. The intricate internal structure of this skeleton is reinforced to provide the greatest strength using the least amount of material. The resulting skeleton turns out to be a fiber optic network whose sophistication has been compared to modern fiber optics used for telecommunications networks.

Symbiotic luminescent micro-organisms make a home inside the base of the sponge, sending their light throughout the Flower Basket's fiber optic skeleton. The Flower Basket traps shrimp inside this skeleton, where they spend their entire lives. The food they drop feeds those luminescent micro-organisms at the bottom of the basket. The purpose of the light pulses is to attract prey to feed the shrimp, who, in turn, feed the source of the light pulses! All of this is even more impressive, given the fact that the Flower Basket has **no nervous system whatsoever**.

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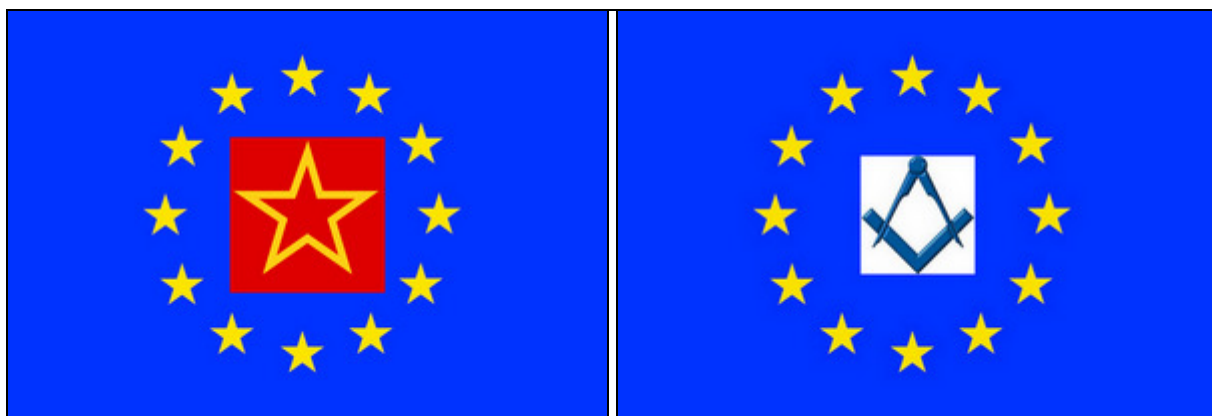
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The Dissolution of Ireland as a Sovereign State:

How an Ultra-wealthy Elite is forcibly creating a Federal Europe

By Jeremy James



The two sides of the ‘real’ European flag

Ireland ceased to be an independent sovereign state on 30 September 2008.

By granting an illegal guarantee to underwrite the massive losses incurred by the Irish banking sector, the government saddled the Irish people with a catastrophic level of debt, a burden so great that it was certain to destroy the economy.

This act of insanity was prompted by a crisis in the Irish banking system which seemed ‘accidental’ but which, in reality, was orchestrated by the elite who control Europe. The guarantee is estimated to have cost the Irish people at least €330bn. (This figure represents total actual and contingent national debt as at March 2011, less total actual national debt as at August 2008 – €371bn less approximately €41bn.) Based on conservative assumptions, it was calculated by an independent research group at the University of Limerick and published in September 2011 in a report entitled **An Audit of Irish Debt**.

When shared equally among the working population, this staggering ‘theft’ has added about €300,000 to the personal debt burden of every person at work in Ireland.

It is not our aim here to explain why the guarantee was illegal or why the Irish people were betrayed by their own leadership, but to show the wider context in which this carefully engineered disaster is now unfolding.

Perception versus Reality

The following propositions summarize the broad public perception of the factors that caused this national tragedy:

- The Irish economy grew too rapidly.
- The Irish people borrowed far more than was prudent.
- A huge asset bubble developed.
- The bubble burst, wrecking the banking system.
- The government had no choice but to issue a bank guarantee.

How can this version of events possibly be incorrect, you may ask? Well, see for yourself. Here is what actually happened:

- The banks deliberately loaned 5-10 times more than they knew was prudent.
- The banks and the government knew that a vicious asset bubble would develop.
- The resulting banking crisis could then be used to hamstring the Irish people.
- The sovereignty of Ireland would then pass to a federal Europe.

The top people in the banking system are very intelligent. They knew exactly where their actions would lead. The system itself is controlled from London and directed by the high-level elite who own and control the international banking system. The decision-makers in Ireland were (and still are) working in step with their international counterparts to create the crisis that is now unfolding across Europe. Ireland simply had the honour of being one of the first countries in the eurozone to be targeted in this way.

It's an old trick and it works just as effectively today as it did in centuries past: Loan your victim more than he can repay, bury him in debt, and then destroy him.

The Rape Continues

The sharks and jackals who run the international banking system, who have stolen €330bn from the Irish people, intend to steal a whole lot more. Unless they are stopped the following asset-stripping scenario is certain to develop:

- the Irish electricity network will pass into foreign ownership
 - the Irish gas network will pass into foreign ownership
 - the Irish rail network will pass into foreign ownership
 - the Irish road network will pass into foreign ownership
- (do you see a pattern here?)
- the Irish ports and harbours will pass into foreign ownership
 - the Irish airports will pass into foreign ownership
 - Irish forestry holdings (7% of Irish land) will pass into foreign ownership
 - the Irish water distribution system will pass into foreign ownership
 - the Irish banking network will pass into foreign ownership
 - the Irish postal system will pass into foreign ownership
 - a variety of other national assets will pass into foreign ownership.

And it doesn't end there. The conditions being imposed by the IMF and the Berlin-Brussels axis – the Axis Powers – is designed to reduce the Irish middle class to penury. Their cynical strategy, whereby additional billions are cut annually from core budgetary spending, will ensure that the nation cannot possibly recover. No modern economy has ever been able to weather draconian cuts of this magnitude and survive.

Do you still think the Axis Powers are working to protect you and your family? Think again. Here is how their baleful economic strategy will likely play out over the next 12-18 months:

- Irish businesses will continue to suffer a severe shortage of credit
- Irish domestic demand (spending) will contract sharply
- Unemployment will continue to grow
- Mortgage arrears and defaults will increase dramatically
- The banks will face another crisis
- The Irish people will again be compelled to bail out the banks.

The state (as a proxy for the Axis Powers and the international banking system) will assume ownership of the banks and their assets. This will result in a huge proportion of domestic housing stock passing into state ownership. Much the same will happen to businesses that are taken over by the banks. This, of course, is the classic Marxist endgame, where an all-powerful state exercises total control over virtually all aspects of public life.

Much the same strategy is being adopted across Europe, all with a view to destroying the existing system of independent sovereign states and creating a federal Europe ruled with an iron hand by a small, powerful elite.

How can you be sure that this is the real story?

How can you be certain that what I am saying here is 100% true? Please consider some remarkable observations by Niall Ferguson, Professor of History at Harvard, which were published in *The Sunday Times* in January and May 2012.

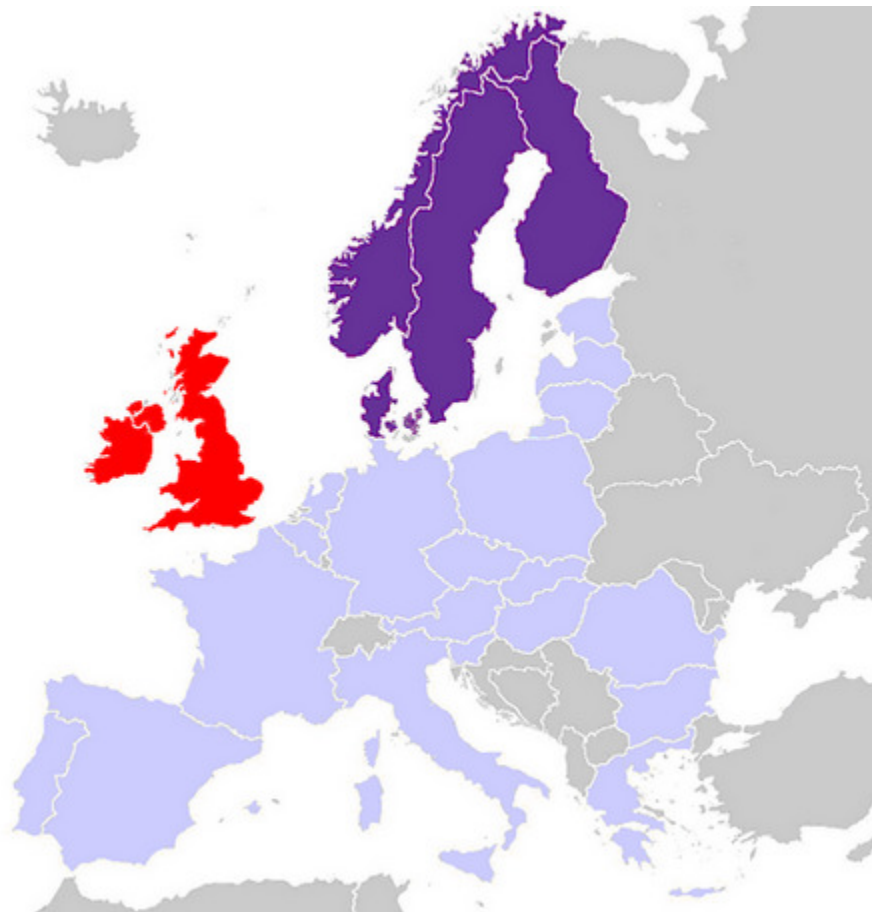
First, a few words about Professor Ferguson and why his views warrant our respect. He is fêted by kingmakers like Henry Kissinger and is regularly invited to address high-profile conferences organised by the power elite who control Europe and the US. He is also the official biographer of the Rothschild family.



Niall Ferguson with Henry Kissinger

The Sunday Times is a propaganda paper for the New World Order. It consistently strives to present the merits of European unity, federal governance, and global integration. For example its editorial of 20 May 2012 carried the heading: **The United States of Europe: The best solution to the Euro crisis is an orderly Greek exit, radical reform and a federal Europe.** After a shameless eulogy on European integration, it ended with the statement: “Economically, the eurozone needs to become a United States of Europe – or go bust.”

In January *The Sunday Times* carried an article by Niall Ferguson in which he speculated that a Federal Europe was inevitable and that it would even be in place before 2016. He envisaged a United States of Europe (his term), a Nordic Union (comprising Sweden, Norway, Finland and Denmark), and a reunited Britain and Ireland (Union of Britain and Ireland). The resulting political entities are shown on the map below:



The coming Federal Europe, comprising:
the United States of Europe (*blue*),
the Nordic Union (*purple*) and the
Union of Britain and Ireland (*red*).

This is what the elite want. Ferguson himself admitted this in an interview published in *The Sunday Times* on 20 May 2012: “Europe is essentially an anti-populist, if not anti-democratic phenomenon. European integration has always been a project of the elite that has been foisted on national electorates.”

Note that Ferguson is saying that the “elite” (his term) have always wanted integration and that they are imposing it against the will of the people. Later in the same interview he reveals what the elite have been doing to ensure the creation of a unified federal Europe:

“I think it’s worth considering that the architects of the monetary union [i.e. the euro] knew all along that it would lead to a crisis and the crisis would lead to a federal solution. I’m not sure how far this was articulated, but I think it was implicit. In fact, you could say it was actually designed to create a crisis.”

A truly remarkable admission. The insider’s insider is confirming that the euro was introduced specifically to provoke a crisis that would result in the dissolution of independent sovereign states and the creation of a federal Europe controlled by a small elite. In other words, Ireland and Greece, along with several other countries, are being put through severe economic trauma and aggravated social distress in order to fulfil the ambitions of the small, powerful elite who control Europe.

He went on to say that “They [the euro enthusiasts] have achieved what they wanted in that the level of financial integration has gone so far, it’s almost impossible to undo. And it was always meant to be undoable, which is why there never was an exit clause. You were never going to get federalism by any other means.”

There you have it, dear reader. Ireland is being destroyed in accordance with a plan that was framed decades ago and is now being carried through to its deadly conclusion. Your top bankers and politicians colluded in this sickening deception. Thus you can be sure that those who control the Irish political process have no intention of adopting a course that would help to restore Irish sovereignty.

Any political party – including every party represented in the Irish parliament in September 2008 – that believes it is morally and legally acceptable to shackle each and every worker in the state with a debt of €300,000 is clearly in thrall, one way or another, to the venal elite who run Europe.

Watch for high profile public statements in the coming 12-18 months about the special relationship that exists between Britain and Ireland, about how warmly the Irish received the Queen during her visit in 2011, and about how much the Irish have in common, culturally and historically, with the British people. Expect leading public figures – in politics, business, and entertainment – to push this agenda, all with a view to facilitating the future union of Britain and Ireland.

They say, *Who will see them?*

Please continue to remind yourself that the people who run Europe are not Christian, nor do they have any regard or respect for Christian values. They are a mixture of Freemasons and Marxists who for decades have been working together behind the scenes to mould Europe along federal lines. These people despise the Bible and are determined to replace Biblical values with those of pluralism, humanism and atheism. For example, they are working hard to compel the Irish people to legalise abortion and same-sex 'marriage'. They know that by enlarging the moral vacuum that already exists in this country, the task of deceiving and exploiting the Irish people will be made even easier.

The 'god' of Freemasonry is Lucifer and the top people in Europe, the ultra-rich elite who control most of Europe, worship this god. They do so, not by default, but proudly and defiantly. They believe he is the one true god and the Bringer of Light to all who worship him. They loath Christ and want to remove every last vestige of true Christianity from Europe.

Will you let them?

If you are sincerely determined to resist them by every legal means at your disposal, then consider well the following words from Psalm 64:

Hide me from the secret plots of the wicked,
From the rebellion of the workers of iniquity,
Who sharpen their tongue like a sword,
And bend their bows to shoot their arrows – bitter words,
That they may shoot in secret at the blameless;
Suddenly they shoot at him and do not fear.
They encourage themselves in an evil matter;
They talk of laying snares secretly;
They say, "Who will see them?"

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The Pre-incarnate Christ told Israel: *'I will never break my covenant with you'*

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Model of the Second Temple (Israel Museum)

Hidden in Plain View

Let's get right to the point. Satan hates mankind and is determined to destroy it.

There was a time when just about every Christian knew this, but not anymore. Today, millions of professing Christians imagine that evil of this magnitude does not and could not exist. And of the few who have given the matter any thought, most have concluded that, if an evil of this kind *did* exist, it would not be able to hide itself for very long.

If you share their opinion, then you are standing on very fragile ground.

This paper rests squarely on the premise that a truly dreadful evil is hiding itself in plain view in the world today and that, unless a sufficient number of Christians oppose it through prayer and supplication, it will soon break forth with terrifying intensity.

The Global Elite

The fallen angels who rebelled against God some six thousand years ago are preparing for the final phase of their ancient campaign against mankind. As a necessary prelude to this, they intend to install their false messiah as world ruler.

The fallen angels are invisible, but so too are their earthly servants in a manner of speaking. The latter comprise the ultra-rich families, the Global Elite, who for generations have controlled the affairs of this world from behind the scenes. The full extent of their wealth is truly astonishing, having been accumulated over hundreds of years through merchant banking, insider trading, and a host of protected monopolies. Using clever accounting and investment techniques, they have hidden their multi-trillion dollar portfolios behind a wall of secrecy and faded into the background. However, by employing a variety of front men, proxies and a coterie of intermediaries – many of whom are highly intelligent and very well educated – they have continued to develop and implement an ambitious plan to bring about a world socialist government:

‘Some even believe we [*the Rockefeller family*] are part of a secret cabal working against the best interests of the United States, characterizing my family and me as 'internationalists' and of conspiring with others around the world to build a more integrated global political and economic structure – one world, if you will. If that's the charge, I stand guilty, and I am proud of it.’

– David Rockefeller, *Memoirs*, 2002

Under their proposed global regime a strict code of social conduct will be enforced and civil liberties as we know them will completely disappear. Social indoctrination will keep the masses in check, dissent of any kind will not be tolerated, and the imprisonment, torture and execution of ‘rebels’ will be commonplace.

Is this too much to believe? If you doubt the existence of Satan, then it probably is. But if you understand that an evil supernatural genius has been directing these secretive families for generations, that he has been following a carefully designed plan, and that this plan is now at a very advanced stage, then you will know that what we are saying here is perfectly true.

The serious purpose of Biblical prophecy

We need to understand this dark, Satanic plan. And to do this we must take very, very seriously what the LORD has told us about it in his Holy Word.

Alas, few Christians today are paying attention. Their pastors and elders have neglected the literal truth of Biblical prophecy and have substituted an allegorical mode of interpretation which completely obscures the crucial information that the LORD has made available for our benefit.

Christ himself warned of the need to take End Time prophecy very seriously when, in Matthew 24:15, he said:

‘When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)’

If we don’t know what Daniel meant by the “abomination of desolation” then we are meant to study his prophetic writings until we do – “whoso readeth, let him understand.” This is the only occasion where Christ instructed his disciples to study a specific book of the Old Testament. It is no accident that its focus is on a critical End Time event.

Why don’t the majority of Christian ministers and pastors take Bible prophecy seriously? Why are they not studying it with deep conviction – as Christ asked – and urging their flocks to do likewise? To understand this we need to look carefully at Satan’s plan and how it is being carried out. If we do we will find that the allegorisation of Biblical prophecy – and thus the obliteration of its precious message – is *itself* a key element in his plan.

Satan’s Objectives

To understand how the various elements in Satan’s plan fit together we need to know specifically what he is trying to achieve. Matthew 23:39 gives us the answer:

For I say unto you, You shall see me no more until you say,
‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’

Nearly all who heard Jesus speak these words – which come from Psalm 118, one of the great Messianic psalms – would have understood perfectly their profound significance.

Please reflect carefully on these words. They are the golden key to all that is happening in the world today. Christ pronounced them at the close of his last public discourse in the Temple, shortly before his crucifixion. He was telling Jerusalem and all who lived there that they will not see him again until, in their darkest tribulation, they cry out to him with one voice, to Christ their Messiah, and say – “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.”

This is the momentous event that will trigger the Second Coming of Christ.

Of course, this is precisely what Satan is determined to prevent by every means at his disposal. If the Jewish people, as a nation, could be destroyed before they could issue this appeal, then the Second Coming could not occur. And since Christ was addressing the city of Jerusalem, then that city – and everyone in it – must be brought under his control and destroyed.

Do you see the significance of this? Satan needs to kill all of the Jews wherever they may be, especially those in Jerusalem, but he must do so suddenly and ruthlessly, without any warning of his intentions.

They must not be allowed to recognise what is happening, to gather their wits as it were, and appeal with one voice to their Messiah. The more Jews he can gather in one place, the better. And if he can succeed in getting the nation of Israel to trust in him completely – through his incarnation as the false messiah known as the Antichrist – then the attack will come with no warning whatever and fall with crushing intensity on a defenceless nation.

The Coming Holocaust

Satan has tried several times to annihilate the Jewish people. When the Israelites were fleeing from Egypt, Pharaoh tried to cut the entire nation to pieces with his vast army. The attempted genocide by Haman, as recorded in the Book of Esther, was organised at the highest official levels in Babylon and came very close to success. Millions of Israelites were murdered or enslaved in ancient times by invading armies, notably those of Assyria, Babylon and Rome, while the Nazis planned and carried out an extermination program which killed about one third of all Jews on earth at the time.

The prophet Zechariah tells us that the End Time holocaust will be even worse, claiming the lives of two-thirds of all Jews:

‘And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein.’ – Zechariah 13:8

Satan is obsessed with the destruction of the Jews. Through careful nurturing, he has moulded two major religious systems into antisemitic monsters. The Roman Catholic church, with 1.2 billion members worldwide, has been relentless in her persecution of the Jews from the earliest times. She has convinced millions that the Church – meaning the Roman Catholic Church – has replaced Israel in God’s prophetic plan and that the Jews as a nation are destined for oblivion. Through his other great masterpiece – Islam – Satan has convinced 1.5 billion people that the Jews are vermin on the face of the earth, an affront to Allah that must be destroyed.

The Role of Propaganda

Most of what Satan has achieved to date has been through propaganda. Repetitive, monotonous indoctrination gets results. Once the seeds of suspicion and distrust have been sown, the task of whipping the masses into a frenzy is made considerably easier. History has demonstrated again and again the effectiveness of this approach. Even otherwise sane people can be carried along by the mindless tide of public opinion, by well-crafted rumours and lies, and by a craven urge to merge with the crowd in a time of crisis.

If this strategy has worked so well in the past, we can expect it to continue. In fact, at some point in the not too distant future, Israel as a nation will likely be accused by various world leaders of complicity in crimes against humanity. This will likely be achieved under the auspices of the UN, whose contempt for Israel is legendary. For example, it passed a resolution in 1975 which condemned Zionism as racism, and only withdrew it in 1991.

In an earlier paper [\[click here\]](#) we showed how the so-called ‘Palestinian’ people have been deliberately isolated and abandoned by their Arab brothers and sisters. While other nations have been willing to absorb their own refugees and displaced persons, the Arab nations have resolutely refused to do so. The UN is effectively endorsing the Arab position by operating *two* agencies for refugees, the UNHCR and the UNRWA. The former deals with *all* countries and categories *except* the so-called ‘Palestinians’, while the latter deals exclusively with the ‘Palestinian’ question. While the UNHCR consistently pursues a policy of reintegration and absorption, the UNRWA works hard to *prevent* reintegration and seeks instead to establish a separate state for this rejected group of Arabs. What is more, this proposed state, which has no legal, moral or ethnic justification, must for some reason be established in Israeli territory, even when the surrounding Arab nations possess vast tracts of uninhabited land which could easily be used for this purpose.

By deliberately forcing their own people into an impossible situation and requiring them to survive under inhumane conditions, the Islamic leadership is trying to portray Israel – the country whose sovereignty is being violated – as the author of their misfortune. There is no doubt that the ‘Palestinians’ are in a dreadful bind, but it ought to be obvious to all but hardened antisemites that their oppressors are **Islamic**, not Jewish.

Here is how a former Director of the UNWRA, Ralph Garroway, put it in August, 1958: “The Arab States do not want to solve the refugee problem. They want to keep it as an open sore, as an affront to the United Nations and as a weapon against Israel. Arab leaders don’t give a damn whether the refugees live or die.” These three simple sentences by Mr Garroway perfectly sum up the Arab attitude to the ‘Palestinian’ refugees.

The Zionist Confusion

For years antisemitic groups have alleged that the state of Israel is part of a wider Zionist plot to secure world domination. They point, for example, to the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, a 19th century document which allegedly sets out the steps that are being taken to bring this about. They also contend that the world financial system is under Jewish control and is being used to advance a global Zionist agenda. In addition they allege that Jewish interests exercise a disproportionate degree of influence over the media and key sectors of industry in both the US and Europe.

As important as this question may seem, it is really a smokescreen that serves to conceal a much more fundamental question, a question that the Roman Catholic hierarchy, the liberal Protestant churches and other powerful groups have been trying to suppress for decades.

The question that Christians everywhere should be asking, but which few seem to have considered, is this:

Is the existing state of Israel, including the Jews who live there, the nation to which Biblical prophecy refers?

Forget about ‘Zionist’ plots for a moment. If the existing state of Israel is the one to which the Bible is referring, then we must have due regard to everything that the LORD has said about her in the only book he ever wrote.

Human speculation and human opinion amount to nothing if they conflict with the stated intentions of our Creator. Those who persist in their opinions, in opposition to what the LORD has revealed about Israel, are simply playing with fire.

God’s Plan for Israel

God’s plan for Israel is clearly set out in the Old and New Testaments. In fact, the level of detail in places is truly remarkable. We cannot do justice here to this extra-ordinary account, but we can summarise the main features in her prophetic calendar:

1. After the fall of Jerusalem [*which occurred in 70 AD*] the Jews would be scattered to the four corners of the world and would suffer endless persecution and abuse at the hands of Gentile nations.
2. After a long but unspecified period, the Jews as a nation would begin to return to the Promised Land. [*This commenced around 1870.*]
3. Eventually, after a sufficient number had returned, the Jews would become a nation in a single day. [*That day was 14 May 1948.*]
4. The city of Jerusalem would also come under Jewish control. [*This happened on 7 June 1967.*]
5. The Jews who returned to the Promised Land would largely comprise unbelievers. Few would honour the LORD God of the Old Testament, and fewer still would recognise Jesus as their Messiah.
6. The enemies of the Jewish people would never cease to hate Israel and would continually conspire against her.
7. The surrounding Arab states would launch one or more deadly attacks against Israel with a view to destroying her as a nation. [*To date these have included the genocidal attacks of 1948, 1967, and 1973. Further attacks could result in a major loss of territory by the Arabs and a substantial expansion in the size of Israel.*]

*** Israel is at this point today in her prophetic calendar ***

8. A massive military invasion will be launched against Israel from the north – probably Russia in league with Iran and Turkey. This will be repulsed in spectacular fashion by supernatural means.
9. The nations of the world will combine into ten regional authorities, from which a single leader will emerge. He will sign a 7-year treaty with Israel, ostensibly to guarantee her security and protect her from further threats of invasion.

10. The prophet Elijah will return to earth at this time and reinstitute in Jerusalem the Old Testament practices that were current in Judea at the time of Christ. Elijah will be accompanied by another major Biblical figure, probably Moses.
11. The great End Time persecution will commence three and a half years later.
12. Elijah and the other prophet will train or inspire 144,000 Jewish men to travel the world and preach the gospel of Christ.
13. The Antichrist, who signed the 7-year treaty with Israel, will try to destroy the Jews, wherever they may be, by any means possible. All who convert to Christ, whether Jew or Gentile, will be hunted down and executed.
14. A significant proportion of the Jews in Jerusalem and Judea will escape to a region in southern Lebanon where they will receive supernatural protection from the archangel Michael.
15. The Jews under Michael's protection, and very probably a number of Jews in other parts of the world, will come to a saving faith in Christ as their Messiah. Collectively they will issue the cry, *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*
16. Christ will then return in power and glory and destroy the Antichrist and his vast armies. He will restore order and peace to a devastated planet and establish his throne in Jerusalem. The Jewish remnant, his chosen people, will administer the world thereafter in his holy name.

Naturally, a summary of this kind must omit many important details. However, these 16 points give a useful outline of the past, present and future of Israel from a Biblical perspective. Remember, this is God's plan – not man's. This means it will happen, despite strenuous efforts by Satan and his servants to push it off track.

So, even though the position of Israel today, both spiritually and politically, is seen by millions as a complex issue, it is really very simple from God's perspective. Whatever he has spoken will happen. Furthermore, he will bless those who bless his plan and his people, but he will deal severely with those who continue to oppose him – 'Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker!' (Isaiah 45:9)

Israel matters to God, and Jerusalem matters most of all. And if she matters to God, then she should matter to all true Christians:

'The LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.'
– Psalm 87:2

Incredibly, the vast majority of Jews in the world today are ignorant of God's plan. And the few who know about it are attracted mainly by its influence on Christian opinion and support. The only Jews who seem to know that it will come to pass exactly as the Bible has foretold are those who have come to a saving faith in Christ as their Messiah (sometimes known as Hebrew Christians or Messianic Jews).

God's Chosen People

Now let's return to the fundamental question, namely, whether the existing state of Israel, including the Jews who live there, is the nation to which Biblical prophecy refers.

The sad reality is that the enemies of true Biblical Christianity are more determined than ever to destroy the Jews and are doing everything they can to discredit them. In conjunction with Replacement Theology – which we will discuss separately – they are marketing two very popular lies to confuse the unwary:

- that the 'Palestinian' claim to the Promised Land is proof that the Jews have no right to be there and that their continued occupation of the land is illegal and therefore contrary to the will of God.
- that the Jews who are in Israel today are not the same ethnic group to which the Bible refers and that there is nothing distinctively 'Jewish' in their genetic make-up.

These false propositions are designed to make the average person think he doesn't know enough about the background and history of the 'Middle East question' to be able to make an informed decision about Israel. They are based on the principle that, if he can't come to a decision, he will likely see a compromise of some kind as the best solution. And since just about every 'compromise' requires that Israel give up part of her territory, the lies will have achieved their purpose.

Be realistic. Either the Jews are entitled to own and occupy the Promised Land, or they are not. And if they are, then no nation on earth has the right to demand that she give up one square inch of her territory, whether in Judea, Samaria, the Golan Heights or the Gaza Strip.

For an analysis of the Jewish right to own and occupy in perpetuity the land of Israel, including the so-called disputed territories, see our earlier paper [\[click here\]](#). It shows, among other things, that the 'Palestinians', as a people or a nation, have no historical validity and are purely a product of Arab duplicity and Islamic propaganda. (This should not blind us, of course, to the unfortunate situation in which these Arabs now find themselves.)

One could be drawn into a detailed and time consuming study of these false propositions (and others like them) and accumulate a wealth of material on the history of the Middle East and the ethnicity of its various inhabitants – and still come away bewildered and confused. Consider the Khazars, for example, and the claim that they converted to Judaism in the 9th century and today comprise a substantial proportion of the Jews living in Israel. It is argued that these were not familial descendants of Jacob and therefore could not have inherited the covenants which the LORD made with the people of Israel.

Based largely on scanty evidence and unproven assumptions, such an argument is very misleading. For example, it ignores the possibility that the majority of Khazars were *already* ethnically Jewish, possibly direct descendants of one or more of the ten northern tribes. It also ignores the fact that, in the course of history, mass conversion to Judaism has been virtually unknown. After all, why would any ethnic group adopt an alien religious identity that would only expose it to endless persecution by both Christians and Muslims alike? It doesn't make sense. Indeed, regardless of the edicts issued by their leaders, why would any tribe or nation submit to adult circumcision and a strict religious code, an elaborate liturgical calendar, disciplined sabbath observance, onerous dietary rules, and a range of social, sexual and marital restrictions? In short, if the Khazars are Jewish, then they were always Jewish.

Despite the propaganda, disinformation, and deception, there is actually a very simple way to establish whether or not the Jews who are in Israel today are the same people to whom Biblical prophecy refers. Just consider the following historical facts, all of which accord fully with what the Bible foretold:

- ▶ The Jews are undoubtedly the most oppressed people in history, having endured nearly two thousand years of intense racial contempt and hate-fuelled persecution, and yet they have survived. Experience has shown that, once a nation is displaced, it disintegrates, normally within a few generations, but the Jews have defied this iron law of history to a remarkable degree. This alone is proof that they are a distinct, homogenous race, a nation set apart, and, as the Bible foretold, the recipient throughout history of both divine chastisement and providential care.
- ▶ Israel was attacked simultaneously by six Arab nations within hours of her foundation on May 14, 1948. According to all known principles of warcraft, she should have been destroyed. Vastly outnumbered, she didn't possess even the tanks and planes needed to repel her enemy. The Arabs were supremely confident of victory over this rag-tag army of farmers, shopkeepers and schoolteachers. So, when hostilities finally subsided, the humiliation of the Arabs and of Islam generally could hardly have been greater.
- ▶ Israel was subjected to another surprise genocidal attack on several fronts in 1967, and again she survived, even though the odds were stacked heavily against her.
- ▶ Another massive attack by Arab forces in 1973 was also repulsed by Israel. Even though her enemies were highly trained and possessed the best of modern weaponry, and even though they had the element of surprise, vastly superior numbers and the strategic advantage of conducting their assault along several fronts of their own choosing, the tiny nation still prevailed.

- It cannot reasonably be argued that the visceral hatred that the Arabs have for the Jews is a product of mistaken identity. Having lived in their vicinity for nearly four thousand years, they know exactly who they are.

The hand of God is clearly visible in all of this. A nation of impostors would never have survived the vicious persecutions of history. A nation of impostors would never have repulsed even one, never mind three, surprise genocidal attacks on several fronts by vastly superior forces. And a nation of impostors would never have elicited even a fraction of the hatred to which Israel has been subjected by the Arab world and Islam generally over a very long period.

Be assured, the people in Israel today *are* God's chosen people – the real thing. They are the people to which Biblical prophecy refers, and they are the people whom God will rescue in the End Time.

Satan's Counter-Plan for Israel

Satan has his own plan for Israel. Details in the Book of Revelation and elsewhere in scripture would suggest that it includes the following steps:

1. Secure control of the world financial system and use it to oppress and subvert national governments. [*Already achieved.*]
2. Fund war and terrorism to break up nations and restrict civil liberties. [*Ongoing.*]
3. Greatly increase the power, variety and number of highly destructive weapons, sufficient to destroy the world (The Bible tells us that, if the Antichrist was allowed to continue his reign beyond the strict limit set by God, there would be no life left on earth.) [*Already achieved.*]
4. Introduce a global computer network for handling all financial and commercial transactions. [*Far advanced.*]
5. Merge the existing system of independent sovereign states into ten world kingdoms. [*This step is currently under way.*]
6. Establish his 'son' (the Antichrist) as head of one of these world kingdoms, possibly by force. Then make war with several others until all ten are under his control.
7. Through the exercise of seemingly miraculous abilities, to convince the leaders of Israel, and seemingly a large proportion of her population, that he is the Messiah. (Christ confirmed that this would happen: "I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive." (John 5:43))
8. Once the nation of Israel has taken down her guard, to attack her with merciless ferocity and swiftly annihilate every Jew on the face of the earth.

The first five steps in this plan are being carried out by the Global Elite, whom we have already mentioned. This is the confederacy of ultra-wealthy families and bloodlines that have controlled Europe, America and much of the world for centuries. While some are Jewish, the majority are not. They include, for example, the descendants of the powerful banking families that controlled Venice and Genoa during the Renaissance and amassed staggering fortunes along the way. Everyone has heard of the Rothschilds, but few are aware of the equally wealthy and highly influential Orsini, Aldobrandini and Pallavicini families, to name but a few. Most European countries, as well as former British colonies like the US, Canada, Australia, Singapore and Hong Kong, have families of similar stature, many of whom are connected through marriage and dynastic alliances, royal affiliations, and covert inter-breeding.

They have been working together behind the scenes for centuries to gradually re-shape the world along ancient feudal lines, where those who are born to rule – the Global Elite – will dominate and control the tide of humanity. Numbers in excess of their needs, the so-called *useless eaters*, will simply be eliminated. The Elite have expressed a desire to see the world's population reduced as quickly as possible from seven billion to just one billion or less.

The totalitarian plan that was followed and implemented by the Global Elite during the 20th century included many of the strategic ideas that were set out in the *Protocols*. The plan, however, is European, not Jewish.

It suits the Global Elite to promote the perception that the Jews or 'Zionists' are conspiring against the rest of humanity. We should expect deliberate distortion and misrepresentation of this kind, to the point where virtually no-one can tell with certainty what's happening. Indeed, if the LORD in his mercy had not set out the pattern of the End Time in his Holy Word, we would all be utterly deceived.

The *Protocols* should really have been called *The Protocols of the Elders of **Babylon***, since these ultra-rich families subscribe completely to the system of idolatry and pantheism that was practised in ancient Babylon and propagated thereafter through a network of secret societies and occult fraternities. These have included the mysteries of Isis and Osiris, Tammuz, Eleusis, Dionysus, etc and their modern counterparts, the Rosicrucians, Freemasons, Cabalists, Theosophists, and Sufis. They derive from a common source and are bound together by one over-arching principle, namely the worship of Lucifer. This is the seductive persona that Satan presents to his followers, a luminous image that has bewitched and beguiled the ruling elite for thousands of years, and known to them by many names – such as the Light-Bearer, the Shining One, Saturn, Apollo, Helios, Nimrod, Hermes and Osiris.

In short, the ultra-rich Elite **hate** the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; they abhor Judaism and despise Christianity.

Satan's human agents are very clever people. Their capacity for deceit and deception is extraordinary. Christ warned us of this when he said, "for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light" (Luke 16:8). It is probably fair to say that most Christians today are unable to appreciate the depth of this deception or to believe that any group of people could pursue such dark goals for so long and not be found out.

We need to recognise that Satan has been following a detailed plan for a very long time. Through it he is seeking, among other things, to portray the Jews as enemies of Christianity; to make people believe that his chosen bloodline (through which he will produce the Antichrist) is the true dynastic link to the house of David (*Da Vinci Code*, Mary Magdalene, etc); to convince the masses that the Jews secretly control the world and are advancing ruthlessly toward world domination; to make it seem that all of the world's problems stem from Judeo-Christian values and beliefs; to infiltrate and weaken Israeli society and leadership through Freemasonry, Cabala and similar covert means; to promote 'critical' Biblical scholarship and false methods of interpretation which support his objectives; to focus world attention on Israel and turn public opinion against her; to create confusion as to who is truly Jewish and who is not; and so on. The list is long.

It is doubtful whether anyone on earth today can comprehend all of the tricks and devices that Satan is using to gain control of Jerusalem, to turn the world against the Jews, and to prevent the Second Coming of Christ.

The Power of Rome

The Global Elite are also in control of the Roman Catholic Church, an organization that exercises extraordinary influence on the world stage and is a major player in the drive to bring about a New World Order.

As we have noted in previous papers, for a period of 600 years or thereabouts the Pope was selected from just 11 families – Orsini, Borgia, Piccolomini, De Medici, Colonna, Farnese, Caetani, Borghese, Barberini, Aldobrandini and Sforza. The first four held the papacy on no fewer than 9 occasions.

Please think carefully about this. The most influential political position in the world has for centuries been the exclusive preserve of just a small group of families. Through their control over the Vatican, the Elite are now able to manipulate nations as never before. This is achieved in no small measure by the astonishing wealth that the Vatican has accrued over the centuries. As Lord James of Blackheath, a highly placed official with the Bank of England, stated in the House of Lords on 1 November 2010, the Vatican owns more gold bullion than most experts had been estimating for the world as a whole.

The wealthiest and most influential organization in the world also happens to have an appalling record of antisemitism. The Roman Catholic Church has long argued that she has replaced the Jews in God's favour and has tried several times, through the Crusades, to take complete control of the Holy Land. What is more, her worldwide operations are overseen and directed by a secretive body of highly trained and heavily indoctrinated men known as the Jesuit Order, prospective members of which must be able to prove that their genealogy has not been contaminated by Jewish blood for at least five generations.

The Roman Catholic church last made a bid for world domination in the 16th century when the Papacy controlled most of Europe and its global militia – the seasoned armies of Spain and Portugal – were making lucrative conquests in Latin America, and later in Africa and Asia. The Pope even decreed in 1493 that the world was henceforth divided into two zones, one dominated by Roman Catholic Spain and the other by Roman Catholic Portugal. Millions of innocent people were murdered or enslaved on foot of this tyrannical decree.

However, the hand of God intervened and the Reformation derailed a plan which until then had been running smoothly. The ruling families of Europe had under-estimated the importance of the printing press, which made the Bible available on a scale never seen before. This inspired many to rebel against Papal oppression and preach the true Gospel. Rome responded by putting her killing machine in motion and slaughtering millions of innocent people across central Europe, but she was unable to regain her former ascendancy.

The Global Elite have been working behind the scenes ever since to re-establish their supremacy and bring about a New World Order. Given both her incredible wealth and her extensive political influence across large regions of the world, there can be no doubt that the Roman Catholic Church continues to play a major role in this program. And for this reason her attitude to the Jews is of the utmost importance.

The Curse of Replacement Theology

Rome is the principal source and champion of Replacement Theology. This is the belief that the promises which the LORD made to the people of Israel were transferred in their entirety to the church when the Jews rejected their Messiah. A surprising number of Christian denominations, including the Calvinist, Anglican and Evangelical, also hold to this belief.

It is often overlooked that, apart from being patently antisemitic and completely contrary to the plain word of Scripture, Replacement Theology also contains within it an implied claim on the land of Israel. While Rome has been careful not to advertise this particular ambition in recent decades, it was all too evident, in violent and bloody form, during the Crusades. Rome only officially acknowledged the state of Israel in 1993 and has long tried to keep Jerusalem from the Jews by having it defined legally as an 'international city' controlled by Gentiles (which in practice would mean Rome herself).

Replacement Theology is undoubtedly one of Rome's – and Satan's – greatest lies. Since we have already addressed it in some detail in an [earlier paper](#) [\[click here\]](#), we will confine our observations to a truly remarkable but greatly neglected historical event.

Before doing so we need to consider the meaning of the term, “the angel of the Lord”, which occurs several times in the Old Testament. For example, the angel of the Lord appeared to Hagar after she was cast out by Sarah (Genesis 16). He also appeared to Balaam (Numbers 22), to Gideon (Judges 6) and to Samson's parents (Judges 13). In the King James Bible he is even referred to as both ‘an’ angel of the Lord and ‘the’ angel of the Lord:

‘But the angel of the LORD did no more appear to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was an angel of the LORD.’ (Judges 13:21)

In a striking episode from the Book of Joshua the great leader is confronted by ‘the captain of the LORD's host’:

‘And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries? And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant? And the captain of the LORD's host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.’ (Joshua 5:13-15)

Since the “man” asked Joshua to take off his shoes, “for the place whereon thou standest is holy,” we know that he is a *divine* person and not just an angel. And since Christ is the divine person who commands the LORD's host of angels, we know that Joshua had a personal encounter with the pre-incarnate Christ.

This was very similar to the encounter that Moses had at the burning bush:

‘And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I. And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.’ (Exodus 3:2-5)

He too was on holy ground and in the presence of the angel of the LORD, therefore he too was being addressed by the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, the pre-incarnate Christ.

The angel of the Lord and the pre-incarnate Christ are one and the same person.

The Hebrew word that is rendered ‘angel’ in English is ‘malak’, which means *messenger*. The Greek word for ‘angel’ in the New Testament is ‘angelos’, which also means *messenger*. Thus it is grammatically correct to describe Christ as a ‘messenger’ without implying that he is an angel. An angel can *never* receive worship and will rebuke anyone who attempts to bow down before him. This is exactly what happened to John when, as recorded in the Book of Revelation, he fell down and tried to worship the angel who had just shown him an amazing series of prophetic scenes:

‘And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.’ (Revelation 22:8-9)

The Bible also tells us that several men “walked with God”. These included Adam, Enoch and Noah. The Person with whom they walked could not have been the Father, since no man has seen the Father. Therefore these righteous individuals – who lived before the Flood – had also been in the presence of the pre-incarnate Christ.

Perhaps I have laboured this point a little, but it is something that many Christians do not seem to understand or be aware of. The Messiah has watched carefully over mankind from the days of Creation and continues to do so today from his throne at the right hand of the Father. While on earth, he paid in full the sin debt of every person who believes in him, and he will come again and rule the earth in person from his holy city, Jerusalem.

On most occasions in the Old Testament, where the angel of the Lord appeared to men, he did so to only one or two individuals at a time. There were only two exceptions. The first was when 73 senior members of the children of Israel were invited to accompany Moses up Mount Sinai to meet the Lord:

‘Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: And they saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness. And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also they saw God, and did eat and drink.’
(Exodus 24:9-11)

We will discuss the other exception in a moment.

On all but one occasion in the New Testament, when the Resurrected Christ appeared to men, he did so to groups no larger than 12 or so. The exception, as the recorded in 1 Corinthians 15:6, was when ‘he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once’.

Appearances by Christ in either his Pre-incarnate or Resurrected forms were indeed rare, and on only *three* occasions did they involve large groups. The occasion recorded in 1 Corinthians was of great historical significance since it provided *public* confirmation that he had truly risen from the dead and was now living in an immortalised human body. The occasion recorded in Exodus, when the elders of Israel met Christ, was also of great significance since, among other things, it confirmed in a very visible way that the Israelites were God's Chosen People and were directly and personally accountable to Him.

These two occasions would strongly suggest that the only other occasion in the Old Testament where Christ appeared to a large group must also have been of great historical importance.

Now let's examine the occasion itself:

‘And an angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I swear unto your fathers; and I said, **I will never break my covenant with you**. And ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars: but ye have not obeyed my voice: why have ye done this? Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be as thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you. And it came to pass, when the angel of the LORD spake these words unto all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept. And they called the name of that place Bochim: and they sacrificed there unto the LORD.’ (Judges 2:1-5)

The messenger identified himself specifically with the divine guide Who led them out of Egypt and into the Promised Land. He was the one with Whom they were in a covenant relationship. Given the identity of the angel of the Lord in other passages of Scripture, and the divine status of the messenger in this passage, it is clear that the assembled tribes of Israel were having a visible, audible encounter with the Pre-incarnate Christ.

They were being admonished for failing to separate themselves completely from the pagan inhabitants of the land and for not ridding themselves utterly of all remnants of idolatry. The severity and gravity of this rebuke were such that the entire multitude wept. Indeed, the place was known thereafter as Bochim, meaning *weepers* in Hebrew.

We are not told how many Israelites were present, but it must have been a minimum of several thousand, perhaps even tens of thousands – “all the children of Israel”.

Significantly, in order to reassure his people that the bond between them would never be severed, the Lord prefaced his rebuke with these solemn historical words: “**I will never break my covenant with you.**”



Olive terrace near Bochim, between Bethel and Shiloh.

Just as hundreds of Christians could testify personally to the fact that Christ had risen from the dead – ‘he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once’ – we have thousands of Israelites at Bochim who could personally testify that Christ had promised that he would never break his covenant with them. The truth of the latter was as firmly and judicially established, as divinely witnessed and authenticated, as the truth of the former. He would *never* break his covenant with them.

So when the Roman Catholic Church and hundreds of apostate, liberal and supposedly Christian churches in the world today allege that the church has replaced Israel in God’s covenant promises, let them reflect deeply on the remarkable proclamation that the Lord made at Bochim. Let them consider the extraordinary depth of love which the Messiah has for his people, that he should appear to them in person and declare unequivocally: **“I will never break my covenant with you.”**

Christian support for Israel

So, in light of our findings, we will need to consider the attitude that Christians today should adopt toward Israel.

How does our Creator and Redeemer want us to treat his Chosen People?

The Bible makes it perfectly plain that we should bless the children of Israel and welcome their return to the Promised Land. This prophetic milestone should fill our hearts with gladness and spur all true believers to become fully acquainted with God’s holy plan for Israel .

Our task is to recognise and honour his ongoing covenant relationship with them and act accordingly.

The scriptural status of Israel would appear, therefore, to require that we:

- uphold her right to exist and to retain all disputed territories.*
- support her right to defend herself against her enemies.
- evangelize Jewish unbelievers, wherever they may be.
- remind the world that God's plan for Israel is in the Bible.
- pray for God's blessings on Israel and her people.
- assist Israel and her people in times of trouble.

The Third Temple

Some would like to add 'support the construction of the Third Temple' to the list, but this may be inadvisable. We know that certain traditional Jewish groups, and not just Freemasons, are determined to build it and may even have it assembled already in prefabricated form at another location. It is known that copies of the traditional Temple vessels and vestments have been made and that a contingent of Jews, supposedly Levites, are being trained in Temple ritual and administration.

However, there would appear to be little if anything in the Bible to sanction what they are doing. For example, how will they know which Jews are Levites and, of those, which are in the line of Aaron and Zadok? How will they know the exact composition of the oil and incense, which are essential for Temple ritual, since they were not specified in the Bible? Furthermore, the Lord anointed Moses who anointed Aaron and his sons – "And this is the thing that thou shalt do unto them to hallow them, to minister unto me in the priest's office" (Exodus 29:1) – but *who* will have the authority to anoint the priests who will serve in the Third Temple?

Finally, the LORD appointed Solomon to oversee the construction of the First Temple and Zerubbabel and Joshua, under the spiritual direction of the prophets Zechariah and Haggai, to construct the Second Temple, but who has been given authority from God to build the third Temple?

We do know however that the Third Temple *will* be built before Christ returns and that it *will* be recognised by God as "the holy place". We also know that the "daily sacrifice" in the Temple *will* accord with Scripture:

'When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in **the holy place**, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)' (Matthew 24:15)

* This includes the right of Israel to retain at her discretion any territories that may be won by her following a future genocidal attack by an Arab military confederacy.

‘Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both **the sanctuary** and the host to be trodden under foot?’ (Daniel 8:13)

‘And from the time that the **daily sacrifice** shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.’ (Daniel 12:11)

‘And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute **the sanctuary** of strength, and shall take away the **daily sacrifice**, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.’ (Daniel 11:31)

But how will all of this come about?

Christ himself gave the answer when he said that Elijah would precede his return and “restore all things” (Matthew 17:11) – meaning the restoration of all things as they stood when Christ uttered those words. Since it is very unlikely that Elijah would have sufficient time to build the Third Temple, train the priesthood, and make other necessary preparations, it would appear that he takes over the newly-built third Temple and consecrates both it and a body of priests for God’s holy purpose.

Elijah will be one of the two witnesses described in both the Book of Revelation (chapter 11) and the Book of Zechariah (chapter 4). The other witness will likely be Moses, given the similarity between his ministry during the Exodus and the remarkable signs that he will perform during the three and a half years that he and Elijah will serve on earth during the Tribulation.

These two prophets also receive special attention in the last three verses of the Old Testament, which the children of Israel had 400 years to ponder and digest before the First Advent:

‘Remember ye the law of **Moses** my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you **Elijah** the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.’ (Malachi 4:4-6)

In these verses we see Elijah fulfilling a major role in the End Time, uniting the Jews as a nation under Yahweh, just as Moses did during the Exodus.

In accordance with the 70 ‘weeks’ prophesied by Daniel, the prophetic clock will resume for Israel when she signs the seven-year covenant with the Antichrist. During the Tribulation that follows she will be asked once again to either accept or reject her Messiah. Scripture tells us that the remnant who survive will call upon Jesus with the prophetic words: “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.”

It is significant that Elijah and Moses were the prophets whom Jesus selected to appear with him at his Transfiguration, an event which he described as a preview of the power and glory that would characterize his Second Coming. [‘Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.’ (Matthew 16:28) Six days later, three of these disciples – Peter, James and John – saw Moses and Elijah at the Transfiguration of Jesus.]

These two prophets had the most dramatic confrontations in history with the powers of darkness. Moses humiliated the pantheon of Egyptian gods before Pharaoh, while Elijah destroyed the concentrated forces of Baal on Mount Carmel. Since Jerusalem will come under intense demonic attack during the Tribulation, it is a mark of God’s great love for his chosen people that he will send arguably the two greatest figures of the Old Testament to prepare Jerusalem for the trials that lie ahead.

Another detail from the lives of these two remarkable individuals is also worth noting. During an especially distressing time in their respective ministries, both Elijah and Moses asked the LORD to take their lives (1 Kings 19:4 and Numbers 11:15). Neither request was granted at the time, but the world will witness its deferred fulfillment when they are *both* killed by the Antichrist during the Tribulation. (This is a striking example of the prophetic threads that run through the Bible and connect seemingly unrelated events.)

Moses and Elijah will almost certainly have a major role in inspiring, if not instructing, the 144,000 Jewish men whom the Holy Spirit will commission to preach the Gospel to the entire world during the Tribulation.

Conclusion

In this hour of turmoil and deception, we need to study the Word of God like never before. And we need to take it literally, in its plain, historical, and grammatical sense. Satan is using every trick he can think of to lure sincere Christians everywhere into an allegorical interpretation of Scripture which destroys its prophetic meaning. He does not want believers to see what really ought to be obvious to all who love God, namely, that Christ will return in person and save the Jewish people from the insane destructiveness of the Antichrist.

As he assured his chosen people at Bochim, “I will never break my covenant with you.” He will return and honour his promise to Israel – no matter how many cunning lies Satan may concoct, no matter what blasphemous nonsense the Roman Catholic church or the liberal Protestant churches may teach, no matter how much demonic hatred Islam directs at her, no matter what schemes the Global Elite may devise to blacken the name of Israel and turn the world against her.

Yes, dear reader, he will do exactly what he said he will do.

Are you with him or against him?

‘For Zion’s sake I will not hold My peace, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burns. The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, and all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD will name. You shall also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.’ – Isaiah 62:1-3

‘...and the name of the city from that day shall be:
Yahweh Shammah.’* – Ezekiel 48:35

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The Apostles' Creed: A Dangerous Ecumenical Distortion of True Biblical Christianity

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It will likely come as a surprise to most professing Christians to hear anyone describe the Apostles' Creed as a distortion. How can a statement of faith which has allegedly been in existence since the 2nd century AD be considered a distortion? In what way does it depart from the tenets of true Christian doctrine?

The answer may be summed up in just one word – ambiguity.

The Apostles' Creed is little more than a loose compendium of statements about the main tenets of Christianity. And to the extent that these statements are loose, they are dangerous.

To see more clearly why this is so, we need to take a brief look at its historical origin.

The Apostles' Creed in history

According to the *International Standard Bible Encyclopedia*, the Apostles' Creed first appeared around AD 140 in a fairly primitive form and had settled into its existing, more developed form by the 7th century. It is thought to have been used during the baptismal rite, when professing Christians would recite within the hearing of other Christians the beliefs they now held as new converts. It was mainly an affirmation of one's belief in Christ as the only begotten son of God and in the Trinitarian nature of the Godhead.

As you can see, it was not intended to be a formal doctrinal statement but a simple public declaration of one's Christian faith. However, over time it hardened into something it was never intended to be. Christians began to view it instead as an 'official' summary of the Gospel, possessing almost scriptural force.

Some commentators have tried to show that the Creed was formulated by the Apostles themselves and only appeared in written form at a much later date because it had been kept secret from the eyes and ears of the profane. However, this was just an imaginative attempt to justify the almost canonical standing that the creed had come to possess over time.

The Reformation didn't change this. Despite their zeal in tackling the welter of false doctrines in Catholic theology, both Luther and Calvin continued to hold the Creed in high esteem. As a result, it has survived intact to this day among many different groups of professing Christians – Lutherans (and their Anglican and Episcopalian counterparts), Methodists, Presbyterians, Nazarenes and others.

The Apostles' Creed

from the Anglican *Book of Common Prayer* (1662)

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy Catholick Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting.
Amen.

The sinister ecumenical agenda

The status of the Creed would not be of great concern to us today were it not for the way it is being used to promote the Ecumenical agenda. The Roman Catholic Church has been working aggressively for decades to subvert true Bible-based 'Protestant' churches and lure them back into the Roman fold. The drive to unify the many different Christian denominations under a single banner – a program known as *Ecumenism* – depends very much on emphasizing what they all have in common (or appear to have in common) and ignoring the differences. This is why many high-profile Christian preachers and leaders, like Billy Graham, are describing Roman Catholics as fellow Christians. These men are part of the worldwide Ecumenical program, designed and managed by the Vatican, which is aiming to produce in due course a unified global Christian church with the Pope at its head.

Any Bible-believing Christian should see this for what it is – a dangerous deception. But because many Bible-**believing** Christians today are not Bible-**reading** Christians, they lack the basic knowledge and discernment that are needed to repel this cunning assault on true Christianity. They can't see that Billy Graham is leading them over a cliff. They can't see that the Purpose Driven Church – invented by Rick Warren – teaches a sickly imitation of the gospel message. They can't see that innovators like Bill Hybels, Benny Hinn, Mark Driscoll, Brian McLaren and the rest are teaching, at best, an empty ecumenical gospel and, in many instances, downright apostasy.

Perhaps this short paper will help to open their eyes.

The Apostles' Creed is being exploited by the Ecumenical movement to create a set of common Christian beliefs. A simple baptismal declaration from the 7th century or thereabouts is being cunningly transformed into a foundational statement of Christian theology, a platform on which professing Christians of all denominations can congregate and proclaim their unity.

The ambiguity of the Apostles' Creed allows it to be exploited for ecumenical purposes. If a statement dealing with an abstract matter is overly simplified or poorly defined, it is generally open to many different interpretations and liable to be skewed in one direction or another. And, unfortunately, the Apostles' Creed is ideal for this purpose.

Let's see why.

The Ecumenical version of the Apostles' Creed

In its report, *Praying Together*, published in 1988, the English Language Liturgical Consultation (ELLC) included an ecumenical version of the Apostles' Creed for use by Christian churches of every denomination. Even though there were very few differences between the versions already in use, this ecumenical version represented a giant leap forward. Having been produced through consultation and agreement among the various churches, under the auspices of the ELLC, it constituted a kind of universal statement of faith for professing Christians everywhere. Roman Catholics, Lutherans, Presbyterians, Methodists – all could stand shoulder to shoulder and proclaim their unity.

The ELLC was founded in 1985, being an amalgamation of the International Commission on English in the Liturgy – a Roman Catholic agency with a permanent secretariat – and ecumenical representatives on liturgical matters from “the major Christian Churches” in the English-speaking world. In effect, the ELLC version of the Apostles’ Creed was conceived and sponsored by Rome and then presented to the liberal Protestant churches for approval (See text below).

The Apostles’ Creed

Version by the English Language Liturgical Consultation, 1988

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

So what can possibly be wrong with the Apostles’ Creed or its adoption by the liberal Protestant churches?

If we go through it line by line we will quickly see the problem:

LINE 1: *I believe in God, the Father almighty*

This is far too vague and seriously flawed. Many religions believe in ‘God’ and some conceive of their deity as an almighty father, like Zeus or Jupiter. The Roman Catholic Church now teaches that the Moslem god Allah and the LORD God of the Bible are the same – which is blasphemy of the worst kind. The *Catholic Catechism*, paragraph 841, states: “The plan of salvation also includes those who acknowledge the Creator, in the first place amongst whom are the Muslims; these profess to hold the faith of Abraham, and together with us they adore the one, merciful God, mankind's judge on the last day.” This outrageous perversion must be rejected.

The Koran firmly declares that God has no Son and that Christ did not die on the cross. It utterly rejects the deity of Christ and the glorious truth of the Holy Trinity. It also repeatedly attacks both Jews and Christians as infidels. The 'god' of the Koran is the moon god, *Allah*, one of the many gods worshipped among the pagan tribes of ancient Arabia. His symbol is the crescent moon, which is placed on the pinnacle of mosques every-where, thus marking them out as temples of worship to the Moon God.

Allah is the enemy of YAHWEH and hates him with a bitter hatred. This is why Moslems incessantly chant *Allahu Akbar*, meaning their god is absolute and YAHWEH, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob – the God of the Jews and the Christians – is an impostor. They chant it incessantly and with great fervour because they are trying to convince themselves that it is true, when in their hearts they know it is not.

Why does Rome support the heresy that Allah and YAHWEH are the same? Because Rome too is apostate, a wolf in sheep's clothing, a long-time enemy of true Biblical Christianity and completely dedicated to its destruction.

The line should read:

I believe in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, LORD God Almighty

LINE 2: creator of heaven and earth

This leaves the door wide open to progressive creation and theistic evolution, as well as other interpretations at odds with the plain meaning of Genesis and the Six Day Creation. The line should read:

Creator in the beginning of heaven and earth and all that dwell therein

LINE 3: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord

This is inaccurate. Jesus Christ is the only *begotten* Son of God the Father. All believers are sons of the Father by adoption. The line should read

I believe in Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God the Father

It should be obvious after only three lines that there is something seriously wrong with the Apostles' Creed. These defects alone should cause all Christians to reject it, but there are many more, as we shall see.

LINE 4: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit

This is dangerously vague. Many religious traditions believe in a 'spirit' and believe it to be holy or sacred. At an interfaith conference in Assisi, Italy, in 1986, which had over 160 representatives from different world religions, Pope John Paul II publicly endorsed the 'spirit' of other, non-Biblical traditions, including Buddhism and Animism (shamanism). The event was repeated in 2002 and 2011, each time in Assisi, under the auspices of the Roman Catholic Church.

The line should read

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Third Person of the Holy Trinity

LINE 5: *born of the Virgin Mary*

There is a problem here. Nowhere in scripture is the human mother of Jesus referred to by the term *Virgin Mary*. The term leaves open the possibility that she was a virgin all her life or that her virginity was unlike the virginity of other women. It also fails to identify the woman as a descendant of the house of David, as prophesied in scripture. Following the revised version of line 4, it should read

in the womb of a virgin woman of the house of David in accordance with the scriptures



Pope John Paul II prays with representatives of other religions, including the Dalai Lama, at Assisi, 1986. In any room where non-Christians prayed, all of the crosses of Calvary were removed, and the crosses which could not be removed were covered.

See additional photos in Appendix A.

LINE 6: *suffered under Pontius Pilate*

This line is devoid of theological content. Many men suffered under the Roman Governor named Pontius Pilate. Christ's suffering was unique because he was sinless and the only begotten Son of God. He suffered in our place, on our behalf.

LINE 7: *was crucified, died, and was buried*

Again, this is vague and lacking in theological force. Many men were crucified unto death. What matters is that Christ was crucified, died and buried in our place. This is the substitutionary atonement without which no man is saved. These two lines (6 and 7) should read:

*was scourged, crucified, died and was buried in my place to atone
in full, once and for all, for my sins*

LINE 8: *he descended into hell*

This is misleading because it seems to suggest that Christ went at death to the place of the damned. He did not. The Greek word for hell in the New Testament is *hades*. Hades is divided into two parts, paradise – where the souls of the righteous dead resided – and ‘hell’, where the souls of the eternally damned resided (and still reside). Christ descended into the paradise part of *hades* to announce to the righteous dead the good news of their liberation. His suffering and humiliation ended at the cross.

His last words on the cross included the statement, “Tetelestai”, a Greek term meaning ‘It is finished.’ Payment was made in full at the moment of his death. The line should read:

he descended into the abode of the righteous dead

LINE 9: *On the third day he rose again*

Surprisingly, this too is seriously deficient. It fails to state that Christ was now bodily glorified. His body had become immortal and would never die. He was the first fruits of God's astonishing redemptive plan. It should also be recorded that the resurrection was in accordance with scripture. The line should read:

*on the third day he rose again, bodily glorified, in accordance with
the scriptures*

LINE 10: *he ascended into heaven*

This is alright.

LINE 11: *he is seated at the right hand of the Father*

This is deficient since it omits a vitally important fact, namely that Christ is actively involved every moment in the life of every believer. Something of such importance should never be omitted! The line should read:

*he is seated at the right hand of the Father where he intercedes
continually on behalf of the saints*

LINE 12: *and he will come to judge the living and the dead*

This omits a fact of the utmost importance, namely that the just will live forever with the LORD and the unjust will be condemned to outer darkness forever. The existing statement leaves open the possibility that a place like purgatory may exist, which is central to the false theology of the Roman Catholic Church. The line should read:

and he will come again to judge the living and the dead, the just unto everlasting life and the unjust unto eternal damnation

LINE 13: *I believe in the Holy Spirit*

This is too weak. The believer is sealed by the Holy Spirit. The third person of the Holy Trinity dwells within him as an earnest of his salvation. The line should read:

I believe and rejoice that I am sealed by the Holy Spirit

LINE 14: *[I believe in] the holy catholic Church*

This is a mischievous statement by any reckoning. The word ‘catholic’ is meant to have a technical meaning here, namely ‘universal’, but it could be taken to denote the Roman Catholic Church in some wider, ecumenical sense. Even if a restricted interpretation is applied, it still conveys little that is clearly scriptural.

One must ask what the original authors (whoever they were) intended to convey by this statement? The church is the body of Christ, the congregation or *ekklesia* of saints (believers), whether living or dead, who were saved after Pentecost. It is invisible and not institutional, comprising only those who are born again in Christ and not the indiscriminate totality of all who merely profess to be Christian.

The line also omits the imminent return of Christ for his bride, a doctrine of great significance. In light of this the line should read:

*I believe in the church, the body and bride of Christ,
and her imminent translation*

LINE 15: *[I believe in] the communion of saints*

Another ambiguous and potentially dangerous statement. The word ‘communion’ (which has the same root as *communicate*) implies an ability among its members to communicate with one another in some manner. Since many of the saints are dead, this wording leaves open the possibility that the living saints can communicate in some manner with those who have died, and vice versa. This is perfectly compatible with Roman Catholic theology, but to any Bible-believing Christian it is nothing but necromancy.

Having regard to the revision of line 14, this line should be replaced by the following:

and in the resurrection in glorified bodies of the righteous dead

LINE 16: *[I believe in] the forgiveness of sins*

Many religious traditions believe in the forgiveness of sins or the cancellation of bad debts or karma, as in Hinduism and Buddhism.

The line should read:

in the forgiveness of sins through the shed blood of Christ on the Cross

LINE 17: *[I believe in] the resurrection of the body*

This is far too vague. Some branches of paganism believe in the revival of the dead or the infusion of life into dead matter. The line should read the same as line 15 (revised).

LINE 18: *and the life everlasting.*

Again, too vague. Even atheists believe in the possibility of life everlasting once science has advanced to the stage where ageing and cell-death can be prevented, or synthetic organs developed. Evolutionists also believe in the spontaneous emergence of life from inanimate matter. The line should read:

*and in the eternal and joyous communion of the saints thereafter
with Jesus Christ Our Lord and Saviour*

Missing truths

There are many other doctrinal truths which could be included, but there are at least four which should be included, not only because they are a source of tremendous strength and joy to all believers, but because they highlight the magnitude and mercy of the LORD's wonderful plan of redemption:

- o *the sole authority and inerrancy of the Bible*
- o *salvation by faith alone in Christ alone through grace alone*
- o *the full adoption by God the Father of all the saints*
- o *the coming Millennial reign of Christ on earth from the throne of David in Jerusalem.*

If we insert the missing truths in appropriate places, we arrive at a 'Creed' which differs markedly from the anemic, misleading, and potentially dangerous ecumenical version being touted by the Vatican:

Revised Version – for illustrative purposes only

*I believe in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, LORD God Almighty,
Creator in the beginning of heaven and earth and all that dwell therein.
I believe in Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God the Father,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Third Person of the Holy Trinity,
in the womb of a virgin woman of the house of David
in accordance with the scriptures.*

*I believe that Jesus Christ was scourged, crucified, died and was buried
in my place to atone in full, once and for all, for my sins;
that he descended into the abode of the righteous dead
and on the third day rose again, bodily glorified, in accordance
with the scriptures.*

*I believe he is seated at the right hand of the Father where he intercedes
continually on behalf of the saints
and that he will come again to judge the living and the dead, the just unto
everlasting life and the unjust unto eternal damnation.*

I believe and rejoice that I am sealed by the Holy Spirit.

I believe in the sole authority and inerrancy of the Bible,
in the forgiveness of sins through the shed blood of Christ on the Cross,
in salvation by faith alone in Christ alone through grace alone,
and in the full adoption by God the Father of all the saints.*

*I believe in the church, the body and bride of Christ,
and her imminent translation,***

*in the coming Millennial reign of Christ on earth
from the throne of David in Jerusalem,
in the resurrection in glorified bodies of the righteous dead,
and in the eternal and joyous communion of the saints thereafter
with Jesus Christ Our Lord and Saviour. Amen.*

* Comprising 39 books of the Old Testament and 27 books of the New Testament.

** *Harpazo* in Greek. Also called the Rapture.

Doctrinal Minefield

In an age of great apostasy the Apostles' Creed is a doctrinal minefield. For any true believer, the only creed is the Bible itself. All other creeds, however well intentioned, are but human formulations and thus infinitely deficient beside the Word of God. The revised version set out above is **not** intended as a substitute for the Apostles' Creed, but is cited merely as an illustration of just how far it – the Apostles' Creed – falls short of expressing, in a doctrinally sound manner, the truths it purports to address.

True Christians ought to recognize just how dangerous the Ecumenical movement really is. Referring to scripture as a whole, and to the Book of Revelation in particular, Alva McClain said, “The only genuine example of an ecumenical organization of religion on earth appears in the great harlot of chapter 17” (*The Greatness of the Kingdom*, p.446). This “ecumenical organization” is the very one that the Roman Catholic Church is seeking to establish.

Rome wants control – complete control. Her goal has never changed, namely, to reverse the Reformation and destroy true Biblical Christianity. The Anathemas of the Council of Trent (1545-63) still stand and the black heart that framed them is still beating.

The Apostles’ Creed is being used as part of her grand strategy to yoke together the various Christian denominations. All the indications are that the leaders of the Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian churches are fully prepared to let Rome have her way. But will the Baptists and Evangelicals succumb also? Will they too allow the Roman Catholic Church to infiltrate their ranks and corrode them from within? If they continue down the Ecumenical road this is exactly what will happen.

By evasion, vagueness and subtlety, Ecumenism eats away at the core of true, Bible-believing Christianity – the inerrancy of the Bible, salvation by faith alone, the complete once-for-all sufficiency of Christ’s sacrifice on the cross, the security of salvation, the priesthood of the saints, the Rapture of the church, the coming Millennial reign of Christ, and the *complete rejection* in any form of such false Roman doctrines as Marian worship, communication with the dead, the exercise of sacramental powers, the sacrifice of the mass, the existence of purgatory, and infant baptism.

Ecumenism is a manmade version of Christianity. It replaces godly believers with ‘nice people’, pastoral judgement with tolerance, and doctrinal accuracy with vagueness. It replaces eternal damnation with punishment, prayer with meditation and vain repetition, obedience with conformity, and repentance with regret. It replaces the sanctifying gospel with the social gospel, personal holiness with good intentions, and a God-fearing attitude with self-esteem. And, incredibly, it replaces the existential curse of sin with personal frailty.

When the Evangelicals set aside the principle of Separation in the 1940s, their subsequent downward slide was inevitable. Rather than living in respectful separation from heretics, pagans and friends of the world, they chose instead to move among them and ignore their true spiritual standing before a sin-hating God. They mistakenly thought this ‘minor’ compromise would bring more sinners to Christ, but it only served to poison their own well.

Having abandoned biblical Separation, they are now embracing Ecumenism, which is nothing less than affiliation with Rome and her wanton parody of true Christianity.

In his autobiography, *Just As I Am* (1997), Billy Graham said, “My goal, I always made clear, was not to preach against Catholic beliefs or to proselytize people who were already committed to Christ within the Catholic Church. Rather, it was to proclaim the gospel to all those who had never truly committed their lives to Christ.” (p.357).

During an interview on *Larry King Live* in January 1997, King asked him, “You like this Pope?” Billy Graham replied, “I like him very much...He and I agree on almost everything.” Take a look at the photos of Pope John Paul II in this paper – the Pope to whom Graham refers – and ask yourself whether Baptist and Evangelical pastors have lost their sanity? What has happened to Biblical discernment, to godly separation from apostasy, heresy and lies? Have they forgotten all about the ‘grievous wolves’ who even now are working in their midst, clad sweetly and benignly in sheep’s clothing?

The False Goal of Ecumenism

Ecumenism claims to seek the unification of Christianity, but this is an empty, misguided endeavour. To say that the church, the body of Christ, is not already unified is to deny Christ.

The church comprises all professing Christians who are born again in Christ. It is not a visible institutional entity, but an invisible body, a living unity, with Christ at its head.

Ecumenism is nothing but a sinister trick to bring about some form of institutional unity between the various Christian denominations worldwide, with the Pope at its head.

Its great catch-cry is, ‘In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty’, but the Bible **never** makes a distinction of this kind. We are enjoined by scripture to uphold ALL the Word of God, not just those parts which seem to us to carry the greatest doctrinal significance. Not only do we lack a scriptural basis for deciding between ‘essentials’ and ‘non-essentials’, but as fallen sinners we are not even qualified to try.

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APPENDIX A

The Pope, the head of the Roman Catholic Church, is also the head of the Ecumenical Movement.

These two photos show how dangerous Ecumenism really is and how much compromise it involves.

In the first photo Pope John Paul II is receiving a red *tilak* mark on his forehead, in honour of the Hindu god, Shiva. To receive the mark of Shiva is to submit to the deity concerned, which is an act of worship.

In the second photo we see the same Pope receiving a delegation of Voodoo priests and later remarking that he prayed with them.

Voodoo is black magic and Shiva is one of the many faces of Satan. What does this tell you about ecumenism and where it will ultimately lead?



Pope John Paul II receiving the mark of the Hindu god Shiva on February 2, 1986



Pope John Paul II has an audience with Voodoo priests in 1985. They were invited to pray and worship with him at Assisi in October, 1986. The Pope is quoted as follows in the official Vatican newspaper: "Particularly noteworthy was the prayer meeting at the sanctuary of Our Lady of Mercy at Lake Togo where, for the first time, I also prayed with a group of Animists." (*L'Osservatore Romano*, August 26, 1985, p.9)

Freemasonry and the British Monarchy: Why the Queen of England Pretends to be a Christian

by Jeremy James



A single bloodline connects the royal families of Europe. They see themselves as an exclusive and superior breed – genetically, morally and intellectually. For centuries they have used wars, economic sabotage and extensive political intrigue to advance their cause. Now that a federal Europe is finally taking shape, they are anxious to extend their reach even further and create a New World Order.

They are far closer to achieving this aim than most of us would imagine. The groundwork was laid in the 17th century. By creating two global super-powers – first the British Empire and then the United States of America – they were able to mould large parts of the world in accordance with their totalitarian doctrine. Through their world-wide system of secret societies, business monopolies and family connections, as well as their stranglehold on the international banking system, they have been able to infiltrate the political structure of virtually every country in the world and install a client or puppet regime of one kind or another. Democracies do not impede their activities in any significant way since each democracy, whether large or small, is really a system of rotating puppets. In fact, democracies are often their preferred system of governance since they reinforce the illusion that a free and popular consensus is directing each country.

World empire by stealth

Using these invisible levers of power, the Elite have been able to play one country against another and bring about further change, all in conformity with their long-term plan to establish a One World Government. For example, they created the state of modern China by subjecting her various provinces to over one hundred years of drug trafficking, criminal intrigue, military invasion, widespread famine and civil war, with the result that today, after tens of millions of innocent people have been murdered, and many more imprisoned and tortured, they have an obedient serf economy which they are now using to destroy America. Nearly half of American industry has been 'outsourced' (given away) over the past 30 years, most of it to the totalitarian, Marxist police-state known as China. This enables the Elite to undercut wages in each sector to such a degree that American industry simply cannot compete. And when a nation can't compete commercially with her principal rival and potential enemy, she is well on the road to destruction.

This paper is not about the coming collapse of the United States, or even the confederacy of super-rich families which control the world, but merely the religious affiliation of just one member of one super-rich family – Queen Elizabeth II of England. While this may seem a very modest topic by comparison, it actually sheds a great deal of light on the Ruling Elite, their disturbing agenda, and their remarkable capacity for duplicity and deception.



**King George VI, father of Queen Elizabeth II,
in Masonic regalia.**

The Queen as Supreme Governor of the Church of England

The Elite are not atheists or agnostics, as they often pretend. Neither are they Christian, as some of their most prominent members would have us believe. Rather, they are profoundly committed to the *old religion*. This is the ancient system of pantheism, gnosticism and idolatry which rejects the LORD God of the Bible and is generally identified in the public mind with the worship of pagan deities. In short, the people who rule this world are not simply indifferent to Christianity, but reject it completely.

Officially, the Queen is a member of the Church of England, an Anglican convocation similar to the Lutheran church in Germany or the Episcopalian in the United States. She was baptized at five weeks by the Archbishop of York in Buckingham Palace on 26 May, 1926. Under British law, as reigning monarch, she is the Supreme Governor of the Church of England. All members of the British royal family are officially affiliated with the Anglican Church, but not one of them has ever been known to testify to the atoning power of the blood of Christ. Indeed, it is doubtful whether any influential member of the British ruling class is a Bible-believing Christian.

The Anglican Church is the official state religion or *Established Church* of England. Having been under the covert control of the ruling elite almost from its inception, it is the principal means by which true Christianity in England has been suppressed. Through its empty formalism and shallow doctrines, its seasonal ritual and genteel pageantry, it offers a comforting substitute for true Biblical Christianity. In order to keep the commoners and lower classes in thrall, the nobility themselves profess to be Anglican and participate in certain annual services.

Behind the scenes, however, the ruling elite have for centuries been freemasons, atheists or unitarians. They all reject the deity of Christ. The Anglican church has long been primarily a system of social control whereby the rich and powerful maintain their privileged positions and at the same time imbue the masses with the mindless patriotism that is needed to run an Empire.

Paganism and the Royal Family

Prince Philip, the husband of Queen Elizabeth, was initiated into Freemasonry at Navy Lodge No 2612, London, on December 5, 1952: "Present at the initiation were the Earl of Scarbrough, grand master...and Geoffrey Fisher, archbishop of Canterbury. The lodge has many ties with the royal family as King Edward VII served as its first master in 1896 when he was Prince of Wales. King George VI...served as master when he was Duke of York. In 1928 H.R.H. Duke of Kent...was master and later became grand master of the Grand Lodge of England." – William Denslow, *10,000 Famous Freemasons*, 1957.

There is more than enough information on record to prove beyond all doubt that the British royal family is not Christian but pagan. The Prince of Wales – the Queen’s eldest son – is a well-known advocate of New Age philosophy and paranormal science. Numerous members of the royal family down the years, including Queen Victoria, attended séances where professional mediums channeled ‘messages’ from a demonic source. They have also availed routinely of the services of psychic healers and paranormal advisors. Prince Charles himself was counselled for many years by the shamanic fantasist, Laurens van der Post.

We will shortly demonstrate that the Queen too is a non-believer. Her membership of the Anglican church is immaterial. What matters is whether or not she openly professes that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that she has accepted him into her heart as Lord and Saviour. The evidence clearly shows that she has not.

It may seem strange that the official head of the Church of England is a not a Christian, but it is doubtful whether *any* senior cleric in the Church of England is a Christian. It is virtually impossible to advance into a position of influence in the English system of social-political control without being a Freemason, a Unitarian or someone who has otherwise demonstrated his or her rejection of both the deity of Christ and the authority of Scripture. There are bound to be exceptions, of course, but they are few and have little practical bearing on how the system operates. For example, we have already noted that the Archbishop of Canterbury was present at the induction of Prince Philip into Freemasonry, while the current incumbent, Rowan Williams – like each of his predecessors during the 20th century – rejects the account of Creation given in the Bible, and has even expressed the view that it should not be taught in schools as an alternative to Evolution.

In Her Own Words

Instead of drawing on secondary sources or informed reports, we will confine ourselves to the Queen’s own words. Among the best primary sources of evidence about her real beliefs is the set of Christmas Messages that she has delivered annually since her coronation in 1952.

Given that these messages are delivered on a major feast day in the Christian calendar, by a professing Christian, to a primarily Christian audience, one would expect at least *some* of them to give a clear endorsement of her Christian faith. There are 59 messages in all, comprising a total of 43,000 words, and yet nowhere in any of them do we find a clear reference to the deity of Christ. In fact, as we shall shortly see, we find the very opposite, namely a consistent portrayal of Jesus as nothing more than a well-meaning, peace-loving idealist who wanted to make this world a better place.

It is truly remarkable that, over a sixty year period, the official head of the Anglican Church has failed to make even a single statement that would demonstrate her belief in the most basic doctrine of Christianity, namely the deity of Christ.

Before we proceed to examine her words in detail, we need to consider the attitude generally of the British aristocracy to the person of Christ. As we have seen, this has been shaped in the main by Freemasonry, gnosticism, and unitarian theology, all of which deny his deity, his substitutionary atonement, and the inerrancy of the Bible. They regard him merely as a good man who had a talent for healing and preaching.

The Unitarian/Masonic Christ is very similar to the New Age Christ, a guru-type figure possessing a more elevated or spiritual state of consciousness than the average man.

For centuries Freemasons have stealthily but aggressively promoted a humanistic message which they express as two principles with universal application – *the brotherhood of man* and *the fatherhood of God*. By this they mean that all men, regardless of their religious affiliation, are of equal spiritual standing, both in relation to each other and in relation to God. As it happens these same beliefs also figure prominently in the New Age movement.

Taken together these principles are proclaiming that the Bible is wrong when it makes an absolute distinction between believers and unbelievers, between those who are saved and those who are lost. Freemasonry and the New Age movement completely reject original sin, the fallen state of man, and the need for redemption through the saving blood of Christ. In their view, man is not lost but continually evolving through experience into a higher spiritual state.



**The Duke of Kent,
Grand Master of the
Freemasons of England
and Wales since 1967.**



**Note the Masonic apron, which is always made of lamb's skin,
a blasphemous parody of the Lamb (Christ).**

The Queen's definition of Christ

From a study of her Christmas Messages we find that the Queen's portrayal of Christ differs little, if at all, from the Masonic/New Age Christ, namely, a holy man – and nothing but a man – who tried to teach the people of his time the importance of kindness and tolerance, that we are all one human family, and that we should live together in peace and harmony. This definition places him on a par with men like Mahatma Gandhi and Albert Schweitzer, Bishop Tutu and the Dalai Lama. And as flattering as this might seem to the average atheist or humanist, it is an appalling distortion of reality.

The first point to note is that, although she was (and still is) the official head of the Established church in England, the Queen made **no** reference whatever to Christ by name in her annual Christmas Messages during the first 20 years of her reign! Not one.

Why not search the file yourself to confirm this? A complete compilation of the Queen's Christmas messages may be found at:

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/93046264/Christmas-Messages-by-Queen-Elizabeth-II>.

The same material is also available in serial form on her official website: <http://www.royal.gov.uk/>

Perhaps her advisors realized that such an attitude was bound eventually to attract adverse attention. In any event, she finally made her first reference in 1973:

“Christ taught love and charity and that we should show humanity and compassion at all times and in all situations.”

When read in context, this otherwise innocent statement can be seen to sit neatly with the Masonic *brotherhood-of-man* philosophy:

“I believe that Christmas should remind us that the qualities of the human spirit are more important than material gain. *Christ taught love and charity and that we should show humanity and compassion at all times and in all situations.*

“A lack of humanity and compassion can be very destructive – how easily this causes divisions within nations and between nations. We should remember instead how much we have in common and resolve to give expression to the best of our human qualities, not only at Christmas, but right through the year.” (1973)

Two years later she made her second reference to Christ, but this time she didn't even bother to refer to him by name:

“We are celebrating a birthday – the birthday of a child born nearly 2,000 years ago, who grew up and lived for only about 30 years. That one person, by his example and by his revelation of the good which is in us all, has made an enormous difference to the lives of people who have come to understand his teaching.” (1975)

Note that the teaching of Christ is described as “his revelation of the good which is in us all”. But this is completely false! The Bible teaches the very opposite. Christ came to save man from his wretched, fallen state and not to reveal “the good that is in us all” – since the Bible clearly teaches that there is none!

It is ironic that, in the same breath, she refers to people “who have come to understand his teaching”, and yet she doesn’t seem to understand it herself.



**Coat of arms of the United Grand Lodge of England.
Note the blasphemous incorporation of the Ark of the Covenant.**

Both through his words and through his actions, Christ confirmed the basic message that runs through the entire Bible, namely, that man in his natural state is a fallen, sin-filled being, utterly condemned by God, and worthy only of eternal damnation.

So which philosophy is the Queen actually citing, that of the Bible or that of Freemasonry?

Two years later she made another brief reference to the person whom her words were meant to honour. This too was in the ‘holy man’ mould:

“Christians have the compelling example of the life and teaching of Christ and, for myself, I would like nothing more than that my grandchildren should hold dear his ideals which have helped and inspired so many previous generations.” (1977)

Note that it is his ideals that she holds dear – not his deity, his resurrection, or his redemption of mankind.

The Masonic Parliament of Man

Following a brief reference to “the birth of the child who transformed history and gave us a great faith” (1979), she quoted liberally in 1980 from a peculiar poem by Tennyson which referred to “the” Christ. This is highly suggestive since Tennyson was also the author of a poem, *Locksley Hall*, which was well known (and well understood) by the luminaries of Victorian England. They knew that Tennyson rejected Christianity and drew his inspiration exclusively from pagan authors. These included the pantheist, Baruch Spinoza, and the eminent occult philosopher, Giordano Bruno. He was also a member of an exclusive secret society at Cambridge, known as the *Cambridge Apostles*, which was audaciously non-Christian in outlook.

Locksley Hall contains one of the most celebrated statements of the Masonic vision of a New World Order:

*For I dipt into the future, far as human eye could see,
Saw the Vision of the world, and all the wonder that would be; ...
Heard the heavens fill with shouting, and there rain'd a ghastly dew
From the nations' airy navies grappling in the central blue; ...
Till the war-drum throb'd no longer, and the battle-flags were furl'd
In the Parliament of man, the Federation of the world.*

He envisaged a parliament of man, a federation of the world. These words have been quoted many times by top Freemasons and key players in the long-range plan to create a unified World Government, *a parliament of man*.

Tennyson's poem was greatly admired by leading architects of the New World Order, Winston Churchill and Harry Truman, while Andrew Carnegie, one of the richest men in America in the 19th century and a high-ranking member of the Ruling Elite, wrote in *Triumphant Democracy* (1893): “The Parliament of Man and the Federation of the World have already been hailed by the poet, and these mean a step much farther in advance of the proposed reunion of Britain and America.”

Note his final words – *a step much farther in advance of the proposed reunion of Britain and America*. Reunion of Britain and America? Yes, and more, as Carnegie says, *a step much farther in advance* of that.

So when a reigning British monarch quotes a poem by Tennyson, we should pay close attention. Here are the verses she quoted (from *Ring Out, Wild Bells*):

"Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good ...
Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand,
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be."

Given that Tennyson had no regard for Christianity, the Christ figure to whom he refers is clearly not Biblical. Christians seldom, if ever, put a definite article before *Christ* because there is only one Christ, but Freemasons, gnostics and pagans often refer to 'the Christ' since they regard it as a cosmic or celestial office separate from the one who holds it.

In their occult philosophy, the Freemasons envisage the future incarnation in human form of their Angel of Light – known variously as Apollo, Horus, Helios, Lucifer, etc – whom they will enthrone and honour as their Messiah in their long-planned federation of the world. This is "the Christ that is to be" in Tennyson's poem, though born-again Christians will recognize him as the Antichrist.

Did the Queen realize the significance of this? Given that the royal family has been a patron and protector of Freemasonry in Britain for generations, it would be astonishing if she didn't. Her consistent espousal of the *brotherhood-of-man-fatherhood-of-god* philosophy demonstrates her familiarity with the tenets of Freemasonry, which includes a belief in the arrival of a Messiah-type figure once the New World Order has been established. (This is the true meaning of the catchphrase, 'If you build it, he will come,' from the sugar-coated occult movie, *Fields of Dreams*.)

The Masonic Trivialization of Christianity

Her Christmas Message the following year, 1981, included the following:

"Our Christian faith helps us to sustain those convictions. Christ not only revealed to us the truth in his teachings. He lived by what he believed and gave us the strength to try to do the same – and, finally, on the cross, he showed the supreme example of physical and moral courage. That sacrifice was the dawn of Christianity and this is why at Christmas time we are inspired by the example of Christ as we celebrate his birth."
(1981)

Even though she takes a seemingly bold step and mentions the cross, it is immediately neutralised by two references to Christ as an 'example'. According to Masonic philosophy, the Cross of Calvary achieved nothing. As the Queen says, it was just an example of exceptional moral courage and something that should inspire us.

This is a patent trivialization of Christianity, where the whole basis of our faith is reduced to a courageous symbolic act, an inspiring example, but certainly not the atoning work of the incarnate Son of God for the sins of mankind.

The following year, Her Majesty took the opportunity to inject even more Masonic philosophy into her Message. In three short paragraphs she managed to depict Christianity as just one of many "religious groups" in the world today and to equate the Christian message with "the Commonwealth" – meaning the common weal or common good:

“At this time of the year, Christians celebrate the birth of their Saviour, but no longer in an exclusive way. We hope that our greetings at Christmas to all people of religious conviction and goodwill will be received with the same understanding that we try to show in receiving the greetings of other religious groups at their special seasons.

“The poet John Donne said: "No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main." That is the message of the Commonwealth and it is also the Christian message.

“Christ attached supreme importance to the individual and he amazed the world in which he lived by making it clear that the unfortunate and the underprivileged had an equal place in the Kingdom of Heaven with the rich and powerful. But he also taught that man must do his best to live in harmony with man and to love his neighbours.” (1982)

The *brotherhood-of-man-fatherhood-of-god* philosophy is clearly evident in these paragraphs.

Freemasons and members of the New Age movement are fond of Donne’s little phrase, “No man is an island”. It fits perfectly with the *parliament of man* idea in Freemasonry and the *all is one* principle that features so prominently in the New Age movement.

Note also the careful way she distances herself from Christianity and any suggestion that she might actually be a Christian – “At this time of the year, Christians celebrate the birth of **their** Saviour, but no longer in an exclusive way.”

The latter words, “but no longer in an exclusive way”, are designed to reinforce the idea that truth is not exclusive to Christianity but may be found in many different religious traditions. Again, with shameless candour, a central tenet of Freemasonry is fed to the nation on prime-time television by the official head of the Anglican church.

The common spiritual source of all religious traditions was again emphasized in the year 2000 when she said:

“This spirituality can be seen in the teachings of other great faiths. Of course religion can be divisive, but the Bible, the Koran and the sacred texts of the Jews and Hindus, Buddhists and Sikhs, are all sources of divine inspiration and practical guidance passed down through the generations.” (2000)

If she was really a Christian the Queen would know that the Koran and the religious writings of the Hindus and Buddhists were *not* divinely inspired. She would also know that they *reject* outright the divinity of Christ. So, on a feast day that is supposed to recognize and honour the incarnation of Christ in human form, she boldly asserts the broad equivalence of all religious traditions, including those which reject the deity of Christ.

In an earlier Message (1986), she described Jesus as merely a simple person from a lowly background who managed to affect the course of history:

“Christmas is a festival for all Christians, but it is particularly a festival for children. As we all know, it commemorates the birth of a child, who was born to ordinary people, and who grew up very simply in his own small home town and was trained to be a carpenter.

“His life thus began in humble surroundings, in fact in a stable, but he was to have a profound influence on the course of history, and on the lives of generations of his followers. You don't have to be rich or powerful in order to change things for the better and each of us in our own way can make a contribution.

“The infant Jesus was fortunate in one very important respect. His parents were loving and considerate. They did their utmost to protect him from harm. They left their own home and became refugees, to save him from King Herod, and they brought him up according to the traditions of their faith.” (1986)

His deity is completely erased. Instead we are presented with the image of a little boy who, because he was greatly loved by his mummy and daddy and raised “according to the traditions of their faith”, succeeded in doing something useful with his life.

Note how the Old Testament, the Word of God, is described merely as “the traditions of their faith.”

This humanistic depiction of Christ was repeated in 2001:

“As a boy he learnt his father's trade as a carpenter. He then became a preacher, recruiting twelve supporters to help him...His great emphasis was to give spirituality a practical purpose.” (2001)

So, there it is, the royal description of Jesus – a carpenter-preacher with a talent for highlighting the practical side of religion, a former child refugee who recruited twelve supporters and acquired generations of followers. In short, an unlikely social reformer who managed to make a difference in the lives of ordinary people.

She could hardly have been more patronising without provoking adverse comment. In fact, it is a mark of the shallowness and hypocrisy of Anglican Christianity that such a demeaning portrait of Christ by the nation's monarch could even be televised.

The Good Samaritan

Over a sixty year period the Queen mentioned only *one* episode from the Bible (other than the nativity) in her Christmas Messages, but she did so on three occasions – in 1985, 1989 and 2004. This is the parable by Jesus of the *Good Samaritan* which tells of a traveller who stopped and helped an injured man by the roadside, and even brought him to a hostel to recover, while two respected members of the community passed him by and failed to offer any assistance.

The parable is presented by the Queen as though Jesus was endorsing the *brotherhood-of-man-fatherhood-of-god* philosophy. When taken out of context and given a Masonic slant, it seems to confirm that salvation is contingent upon good works and human conduct. However, a professing Christian with only a rudimentary knowledge of Scripture will know that this interpretation is false. There is nothing man can do of himself to save himself from the devastating consequences of original sin.

The 'love' taught in Freemasonry and the New Age movement is **not** the love we find in the Bible. Scripture teaches – in the strongest possible terms – that God's love cannot touch and redeem man in his sinful, fallen state without the atoning work of Christ, and yet this is precisely what Freemasonry and the New Age movement reject!

The Queen confirmed her Masonic perception of love when she said:

“But these technical skills [*invention, scientific progress*] are not enough by themselves. They can only come to the rescue of the planet if we also learn to live by the golden rule which Jesus Christ taught us – "love thy neighbour as thyself".” (1989)

Here she is discussing environmental issues such as pollution of the rivers and seas. Incredibly, she equates the 'love' needed to 'rescue' the planet with the love that Jesus was speaking about, a love which has no meaning – and no power – when divorced from his divinity and obedience to his Word.

Jesus did **not** teach 'the golden rule' of Freemasonry, as the Queen implies; rather he taught the commandments and precepts of the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel. These are vastly different from, and in fundamental conflict with, the morals and dogma of Freemasonry, a philosophy that flagrantly rejects the saving blood of Christ and his atoning sacrifice on the cross.

Man as an Animal Species

We are not dealing here with the simplifications that are sometimes necessary when presenting a message to a large and diverse audience. Rather, we are dealing with a very deliberate re-statement of Christianity along Masonic and New Age lines. If you still doubt this, then consider the following comment from the same Christmas Message:

“It's not very difficult to apply that story [*the Good Samaritan*] to our own times and to work out that our neighbours are those of our friends, or complete strangers, who need a helping hand. Do you think they might also be some of the living species threatened by spoiled rivers, or some of the children in places like Ethiopia and Sudan who don't have enough to eat?” (1989)

Prince Philip once stated during a televised documentary that humans are a “plague” on the planet. This implies that humans are just one of the many animal species living on earth today. It is obvious from her remark that his wife subscribes to the same materialistic philosophy. However, true Biblical Christianity completely rejects the popular idea that humans are an animal species.

Man is made in the image and likeness of God. He is *not* an animal of any kind, but a unique creation. Animals cannot sin, only man can sin. This is why Freemasonry, the New Age movement, and atheistic humanism subscribe so strongly to the theory of evolution or any similar theory that portrays man as just another animal species. If man is just an animal then he cannot sin, and if he cannot sin then he cannot be judged by God.

I am reminded here of an exhibition in central London in 2009 which was housed in the former church of the Holy Trinity, Marylebone. The event included an unusually blasphemous exhibit as its centrepiece, namely a life-size waxen figure of a gorilla nailed to a large wooden cross. Despite receiving lively coverage in the national media, this obscene effigy – which was described in the press as a ‘crucified ape’ – was not condemned or even criticized by any prominent Church leader in Britain. But should we be surprised? After all, the Masons, atheists and evolutionists who control the Anglican Church regard man as just another animal species.

A Masonic restatement of the Christian Message

One of her most Masonic, New Age and ecumenical renderings of the Christian message was given in 2001 when she quoted the words of a well-known hymn, but failed to include the most important part:

“I believe that the Christian message, in the words of a familiar blessing, remains profoundly important to us all:

Go forth into the world in peace,
be of good courage,
hold fast that which is good,
render to no man evil for evil,
strengthen the faint-hearted,
support the weak,
help the afflicted,
honour all men.”

These words are from a benediction in the 1928 version of the Anglican *Book of Common Prayer*. While they are certainly edifying, they cannot be considered “the Christian message” in any meaningful sense. So what’s missing?

See for yourself. Here is the complete version:

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast that which is good. Render to no man evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Honor all men. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Ghost. And the blessing of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.

Since the British royal family, like their counterparts across Europe, reject the deity of Christ, they also reject the theology of the underlined text. They do not believe in the Triune God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, but in a different god entirely.

The Anglican benediction has no distinctively Christian element without the words which they Queen chose to omit. Her version does nothing more than encapsulate the interfaith morality and *brotherhood-of-man* philosophy of Freemasonry. The version read on television by the Queen would be perfectly acceptable to a Hindu, Buddhist, or Moslem. Indeed, it would be acceptable even to an atheist or a humanist. So, to portray it as “the Christian message” is incredibly disingenuous, if not deceitful.

She repeated her view that Christianity is in essence an ideology when, the following year, she said:

“Christmas is the anniversary of the birth of Christ over two thousand years ago, but it is much more than that. It is the celebration of the birth of an idea and an ideal.”

This is Masonic to the core. The birth of the Son of God, the Saviour of mankind, is reduced to “an idea and an ideal.”

Marxism is an idea and an ideal. Humanism is an idea and an ideal. And yet the Queen sees fit to place Christianity on the same plane. It beggars belief.

Here are just a few more occasions when she expressed a similar view:

“I wished to speak of it from New Zealand this Christmas Day because we are celebrating the birth of the Prince of Peace, who preached the brotherhood of man.” (1953)

“...the essential message of Christmas is still that we all belong to the great brotherhood of man. This idea is not limited to the Christian faith. Philosophers and prophets have concluded that peace is better than war, love is better than hate and that mankind can only find progress in friendship and co-operation.” (1968)

“The scriptures and traditions of the other faiths enshrine the same fundamental guidance. It is very easy to concentrate on the differences between the religious faiths and to forget what they have in common – people of different faiths are bound together by the need to help the younger generation to become considerate and active citizens.” (2006)

“Perhaps it was because of this early experience that, throughout his ministry, Jesus of Nazareth reached out and made friends with people whom others ignored or despised. It was in this way that he proclaimed his belief that, in the end, we are all brothers and sisters in one human family.” (2007)

In *The Lost Keys of Freemasonry*, Manley Palmer Hall, who is widely respected by Freemasons as one of their supreme authorities, stated:

The true Mason is not creed-bound. He realizes with the divine illumination of his lodge that as a Mason his religion must be universal: Christ, Buddha or Mohammed, the name means little, for he recognizes only the light and not the bearer. He worships at every shrine, bows before every altar, whether in temple, mosque or cathedral, realizing with his truer understanding the oneness of all spiritual truth.

Masons **reject** Christ as the way. As Hall says, “the name means little.”

However, as every true Christian knows, this is one of Satan’s greatest lies. The Word of God tells us that salvation is found *only* in the name of Jesus Christ: “And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ...” (1 John 3:23); “...for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12)

Here is how the Grand Lodge of Louisiana stated the Masonic position in their secret handbook:

To the altar of Freemasonry all men bring their most votive offerings. Around it all men, whether they have received their teachings from Confucius, Zoroaster, Moses, Mohammed or the founder of the Christian religion – just so long as they believe in the universality of the fatherhood of God and universality of the brotherhood of man – meet upon a common level. The Jew returns to his synagogue, the Mohammedan to his mosque and the Christian to his temple – each better prepared for the solemn duties of life by the associations in this universal brotherhood. - *Louisiana Monitor*, 1980 [*Emphasis added*]

So, under the pretense that she is a Christian, the Queen is preaching the philosophy of Freemasonry. The fact that her messages are couched in Christian terminology is irrelevant. Freemasonry does this all the time, packaging and disguising its ancient occult beliefs in a deceptive, vernacular form.

Conclusion

Christians need to understand that the people who rule this world are NOT Christian – though they often pretend to be. They worship another god and loath Christianity, Christ, the Cross of Calvary, the blood of the Lamb, the Resurrection, and the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel.

They are busily preparing the scenario set out in the Book of Revelation, where their ‘messiah’ or godman takes on human form and rules over the entire earth. In order to make this possible they are working hard behind the scenes to create a unified global system of governance (‘If you build it, he will come’).

Since their messiah has no power against Christ, they are also determined to radically reduce the number of true believers, chiefly by getting professing Christians to adopt a soft, New Age version of ‘Christianity’ which has no power to save. They have made remarkable progress in this regard, to the point where the vast majority of professing Christians today do not believe the Word of God as Christ directed – completely, entirely, literally, and with unwavering faith.

As evidence of this just consider the number of false beliefs that now infect the various denominations of professing Christianity:

- the church has replaced Israel in God’s covenant promises;
- the Book of Revelation is allegorical only, with no literal validity;
- life on earth evolved from primitive micro-organisms;
- man is an animal species;
- the universe is millions of years old;
- Adam and Eve were not actual people, created in adult form;
- the Flood was a local event with limited effects;
- all people will be saved in due course;
- intelligent life exists in other galaxies;
- the world is already in the Millennium;
- demons and adversarial spirits are imaginary;
- the Holy Spirit is a force or a divine energy;
- sin is simply a product of moral immaturity;
- good and evil are relative to cultural and other conditions;
- the Bible is not completely without error;
- the Bible is not the actual, verbally inspired, word of God;
- fresh revelation is still being given to mankind;
- it is alright to pray to the Queen of Heaven;
- it is alright to pray to and for the dead;
- Christ is bodily present in a communion wafer;
- Christ was created by God the Father;
- other religions, not based on the Bible, have some degree of truth;
- contemplation, meditation and yoga are acceptable forms of prayer;
- the lake of fire is not an actual place and will not endure forever.

[Note: This list is *far* from complete.]

Every one of these beliefs conflicts with God's Holy Word. And since the vast majority of professing Christians accept two or three of them (at least), one can be sure that the actual number of born-again Christians in the world today – those who are completely faithful to the Word of God – is frighteningly small.

The Power Elite controls much of Europe and North America through Freemasonry. However, many national and world leaders pretend to be Christian in order to retain the confidence of the public. Virtually every President of the United States during the past hundred years or so was a high-ranking Freemason or a member of a secret occult society. For example, both George Bush senior and George Bush junior pretended to be Christians when in fact they were initiated members of the Society of the Skull & Bones, a dark Luciferian fraternity based at Yale University.

The god of Freemasonry is Lucifer, the Light Bearer, the beguiling 'angel of light' face that Satan presents to his acolytes. The British like to refer to him as Helios or Apollo, the sun god of Greek mythology.



-Sun God-
Helios
Apollo



**Note the lamb skin apron worn by the Grand Master, the Duke of Kent.
It depicts the Masonic sun god, sometimes called Helios.**

The Queen of England may or may not adhere to all of the beliefs and doctrines of Freemasonry, but her Christmas Messages are profoundly Masonic. She clearly rejects the deity of Christ and cannot be regarded as a Christian. In reality, she is a senior member of a pagan ruling caste that is gradually bringing the world ever closer to a One World Government and a One World Religion.

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The Coming Collapse of the United States: What the Prophet Jeremiah said about Judah is Frighteningly True of America Today

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“The kings of the earth, and all the inhabitants of the world, would not have believed that the adversary and the enemy should have entered into the gates of Jerusalem.” (Lamentations 4:12)

America is not afraid, but she ought to be. Her Satanic enemies, both inside and outside the US, have been working hard to undermine and destroy her for more than a century. Their progress has been rapid in recent years and the evidence is plainly visible to all who care to look.

The American people have long assumed that God was on their side. As a largely Christian nation, with a strong commitment to Biblical values, she was once justified in this assumption, but not anymore.

If we examine the writings of the prophet Jeremiah, we will find that the spiritual condition of America today is virtually identical to that of Judah when the LORD destroyed Jerusalem in 586 BC. The prophet was not speaking about America, but he revealed in dramatic and terrifying terms the awful retribution that the LORD exacts upon a nation that wantonly and flagrantly betrays Him and turns to other gods.

God is not a respecter of persons. No nation is exempt from His judgment if it persists in rebelling against the simple laws and precepts that He has given them. This in turn can be traced to a barefaced neglect of His very existence:

Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number. (2:32)

The Pastors

In America, as in ancient Judah, the rot began among the religious leaders:

For the pastors are become brutish, and have not sought the LORD. (10:21)

Instead of nurturing the Word of God and preaching it to their congregations in all its purity, they have failed in their stewardship and allowed the vine to wither:

Many pastors have destroyed my vineyard (12:10)

Instead of preaching the Word truly, they caused confusion and unbelief by speaking from their own hearts – albeit sincerely in many cases – and caused the flock to trust in man instead of God:

Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD. (23:1)

Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the LORD. (23:16)

They looked into their own hearts and preached from their own opinions about truth. Their dreams and visions took precedence over the Word of God:

Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness [recklessness and boasting] (23:32)

Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart. (14:14)

Far too many were concerned mainly with material things, and had no real conviction in how they served the LORD. They had style without substance, and lacked any genuine desire to engage the Enemy:

...for every one from the least even unto the greatest is given to covetousness, from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely. (8:10)

Cursed be he that doeth the work of the LORD deceitfully, and cursed be he that keepeth back his sword from blood. (48:10)



The People

Sadly, as in Judah of old, the people of America have the pastors they deserve:

The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule by their own power; and my people love to have it so. (5:31)

Neither do they care much for the Word of God:

Every man is brutish in his knowledge (10:14)

...behold, the word of the LORD is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it. (6:10)

What is worse, they have turned away from the LORD and refused to know Him. As a result

...they have no understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge. (4:22)

They have lied about the LORD, and said, It is not He; neither will evil come upon us, nor shall we see sword or famine. (5:12)

And though they say, 'The LORD lives'; surely they swear falsely. (5:2)

Lacking the ability to distinguish clearly between good and evil, their unholy actions produce no sense of guilt or shame:

Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush (6:15)

This is a nation that does not obey the voice of the LORD their God, nor receive correction: truth has perished, and has been cut off from their mouth. (7:28)

Even though they were given many warnings and were asked again and again to be obedient to the precepts and statutes of the LORD, they would not listen:

Yet they obeyed not, nor inclined their ear, but walked every one in the imagination of their evil heart (11:8)

Widespread Adultery

The imagination of the average American today is devoted in the main to adulterous fantasies. The people of Judah also spent much of their waking hours on sexual reverie and lascivious thoughts:

They were as fed horses in the morning: every one neighed after his neighbour's wife. (5:8)

They also turned their fantasies into reality:

Because they have...committed adultery with their neighbours' wives ...even I know, and am a witness, saith the LORD. (29:23)

I have seen thine adulteries, and thy neighings, the lewdness of thy whoredom, and thine abominations on the hills in the fields. (13:27)

...they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses. (5:7)

For the land is full of adulterers;... they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah. (23:10 and 14)

Widespread Idolatry

Having turned away from God, they began worshipping false gods and indulging in what we today call New Age practices:

Hath a nation changed their gods, which are yet no gods? but my people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit. Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the LORD. (2:11-12)

Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not... (7:9)

Baal is Satan, the prince of this world. He is also the sun god known by various names in different cultures. The fallen angels who serve him are described many times in the Bible as “the host of heaven”. When judgment comes, the bones of those who have served the fallen angels will be strewn like waste across the face of the earth:

At that time, saith the LORD, they shall bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of his princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of their graves: And they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the host of heaven, whom they have loved, and whom they have served, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have sought, and whom they have worshipped: they shall not be gathered, nor be buried; they shall be for dung upon the face of the earth. (8:1-2)

Those who are not destroyed will be taken captive to Babylon:

Therefore hearken not ye to your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your dreamers, nor to your enchanters, nor to your sorcerers, which speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon: For they prophesy a lie unto you, to remove you far from your land; and that I should drive you out, and ye should perish. (27:9-10)



Their idolatry had two elements that were particularly offensive to the LORD. The first was goddess worship, which is found today in the New Age movement and the Marian worship practised by the Roman Catholic church:

The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger. (7:18)

Howbeit I sent unto you all my servants the prophets, rising early and sending them, saying, Oh, do not this abominable thing that I hate... But since we left off to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, we have wanted all things, and have been consumed by the sword and by the famine...And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven, and poured out drink offerings unto her, did we make her cakes to worship her, and pour out drink offerings unto her, without our men?...Because ye have burned incense, and because ye have sinned against the LORD, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD, nor walked in his law, nor in his statutes, nor in his testimonies; therefore this evil is happened unto you, as at this day. (44:4,18,19,23)

The other form of idolatry that was extremely offensive to the LORD was child sacrifice. In those days a newborn child was taken to the great bronze statue of Moloch – another face of Satan – in the valley of Hinnom and cast alive into a blazing furnace. The modern equivalent of this is abortion, where the unborn child (as opposed to newborn) is first killed and then burned:

Also in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents: I have not found it by secret search, but upon all these. (2:34)

And they have built the high places of Tophet, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my heart. (7:31)

Because they have forsaken me, and have estranged this place, and have burned incense in it unto other gods, whom neither they nor their fathers have known, nor the kings of Judah, and have filled this place with the blood of innocents; they have built also the high places of Baal, to burn their sons with fire for burnt offerings unto Baal, which I commanded not, nor spake it, neither came it into my mind: (19:4-5)

It is necessary to study the Word of God in its totality to appreciate the intensely offensive nature of idolatry in the eyes of the LORD. In Jeremiah 44 it is described as “**this abominable thing that I hate**”. Chapter 3 highlights the awful betrayal that it involves:

Surely as a wife treacherously departs from her husband, so have ye dealt treacherously with me, O house of Israel, saith the LORD. (3:20)

The LORD calls for Repentance

Through the mouth of His servant Jeremiah the LORD called the children of Israel to repentance, but they would not listen. On one occasion he even instructed Jeremiah to summon the leaders and elders to the Valley of Hinnom and give them a powerful sermon on their backslidden condition and the terrible consequences for the entire nation if they did not repent and return to the LORD. As a visual aid the LORD asked Jeremiah to bring a ceramic vessel with him and, at the end of his discourse, to smash it in pieces as a demonstration of how suddenly, fiercely and decisively the blow would fall:

Even so will I break this people and this city, as one breaketh a potter's vessel, that cannot be made whole again (19:11)

Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein. (6:16)

Yet they hearkened not unto me, nor inclined their ear, but hardened their neck: they did worse than their fathers. (7:26)

...no man repented of his wickedness, saying, ‘What have I done?’ (8:6)

A great many professing Christians in America today are just like this, pleading their innocence with the words: “But what have I done?”



Jeremiah issued these warnings over many years, but no one wanted to hear. He was reviled for his efforts and accused of unpatriotic pessimism, of undermining the morale of the people, and even of inciting them to treason. He was beaten and abused and thrown into prison. His treatment reflected the general attitude among the people, a perverse and obstinate refusal to recognize and acknowledge their wretchedness and depravity.

The LORD warns of the Consequences

As He called upon them to repent, the LORD warned them that their continued sinfulness and disobedience would have terrible consequences:

**...lest my fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench it,
because of the evil of your doings. (4:4)**

...shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this? (5:9)

**Behold, my anger and my fury shall be poured out upon this place
(7:20)**

**...a leopard shall watch over their cities: every one that goes out thence
shall be torn in pieces: because their transgressions are many, and
their backslidings are increased. (5:6)**

The LORD forbids Jeremiah to pray for Judah

Such was the backsliding, apostasy and idolatry that it was hardly possible to find even one person in Jerusalem who was still true to the faith. The LORD asked Jeremiah to confirm this for himself by going through the streets of the city and trying if he could to locate even one person who sought the truth:

**Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and
know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if
there be any that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I
will pardon it. (5:1)**

The spiritual condition of the people is so alarming, their backsliding and apostasy so severe, that the LORD orders Jeremiah to no longer pray for them:

**Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer
for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear thee.
(7:16)**

It is truly a mark of their wretchedness and depravity that the LORD would not allow the prophet to intercede on their behalf. He set aside any suggestion that this might be a slight on Jeremiah himself when He said:

**Though Moses and Samuel stood before me, yet my mind could not be
toward this people: cast them out of my sight, and let them go forth.
(15:1)**

What is more, when His judgment falls, as it will, He will not heed the cries of the people when they finally turn to Him for protection:

**Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up a cry or prayer
for them: for I will not hear them in the time that they cry unto me for
their trouble. (11:14)**

**And I will dash them one against another, even the fathers and the
sons together, saith the LORD: I will not pity, nor spare, nor have
mercy, but destroy them. (13:14)**

The People depend on their Own Strength

The coming tragedy will appear all the more awful when it strikes because it could so easily have been averted. But the people believed only in their own strength:

Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.
(17:5)

Through the mouth of His servant Jeremiah, the LORD exhorted His people to examine themselves and ask what their so-called strength has really done for them:

If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan? (12:5)

In a time of peace, when their so-called strength should be achieving great things, they can barely do what needs to be done – they have to run hard just to stay where they are. How then will they fare when war erupts, when their peace is shattered and they must contend directly with their enemies? – **how canst thou contend with horses? ... then how wilt thou do in the swelling of [the river] Jordan?**

Their plight is pitiful, and yet they act as though they are invincible. The great tragedy is that a complete and perfect remedy is at hand, if only they would recognize their sickness and acknowledge their need for a physician (doctor):

Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? (8:22)

These are among the most moving words in the Bible. The region of Gilead was well known for her healing ointments and liniments, as well as healers skilled in their application. This restorative mercy was readily available to all who required it. Alas, the children of Israel, who were suffering from a corresponding spiritual sickness, persisted in refusing the healing balm of the LORD:

Why then is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return. (8:5)

The Message to America Today

There are few Americans today, even professing Christians, who would accept that this deeply distressing assessment by Jeremiah of the spiritual condition of Judah is just as applicable to their own nation. And fewer still would conclude that exactly the same terrifying judgment is both warranted and pending. Indeed, to most it would hardly seem possible:

The kings of the earth, and all the inhabitants of the world, would not have believed that the adversary and the enemy should have entered into the gates of Jerusalem. (Lamentations 4:12)

Let's conduct an audit of where America stands today:

Pastors:

Only a tiny percentage of professing Christian churches in the US preach the full Word of God. Most have abandoned the King James Bible in favour of sloppy and misleading modern translations. Most of them are 501(c)(3) tax exempt, meaning they have accepted money from the government in turn for their silence on political matters, even where that silence conflicts with their Biblical mandate to rebuke evil.

Many of the pastors are homosexual or adulterous or divorced or Freemasons or regular viewers of online pornography. A very large number preach a prosperity gospel (which has no power to save anyone) or a social gospel (which also has no power to save). Many also teach a positive self-esteem, non-judgmental, no hell, motivational philosophy instead of the gospel.

Virtually none of them condemn sin, roundly and vehemently, on a regular basis. This failure is particularly acute where abortion and sexual perversion are concerned. The fear of God is seldom if ever mentioned. Most teach evolution in one form or another and most reject the inerrancy and literal truth of the Bible. Furthermore, most teach that the church has replaced Israel in God's covenant promises and, as a result, they have little or no understanding of Biblical prophecy.

Many support the teaching of yoga, spiritual contemplation and a range of mystical, New Age practices. Most are ecumenical in outlook, which means they are deliberately emphasizing certain elements of God's Word at the expense of others and reducing the gospel to fit an inter-denominational, inter-faith formula.

They refuse to acknowledge, or even recognize, their true spiritual condition. And when challenged they react just like the people of Judah – “What have I done?”

Professing Christians:

Few professing Christians in America describe themselves as ‘born again’, where that term has the same meaning that it had for their grandparents. A great many admit to not having a personal relationship with Jesus. Few read or study the Bible regularly. A great many are unable to give a scripturally accurate description of the gospel. The memorization of scripture is virtually unknown. And many are profoundly ignorant of the Old Testament.

Most believe in evolution and reject the unchanging moral values of the Bible in favour of culturally determined norms of behaviour. A very sizeable percentage of their time outside of work is spent on pursuits that not only fail to honour God, but actually conflict with Biblical standards, such as viewing violent and sexually charged television programs or listening to rock music.

Most believe that a just and holy God would never condemn anyone to hell and that almost everyone will be saved, even people who have never heard the gospel. For most of them, it is far more important to be nice than to be godly.

And still they say, “What have I done?”

Christian Society:

America was once a Christian society, but not any longer. What is more, the proportion who are Christian (or who profess to be Christian) no longer strive to project Biblical values into their community. They have allowed prayer to be taken out of their schools. They have allowed the Ten Commandments and other evidence of Christian values to be banned from public places. And they both tolerate and practice abortion.

They have allowed the main institutions of state to be controlled or taken over completely by Freemasons, Roman Catholics, atheists, Marxists, and members of the New Age movement. They allow greater protection for the spiritual traditions of Moslems than for Christians. They make every effort to accommodate the demands of other groups, to the serious detriment of their own. Increasingly, the term 'Christian' is taken to include Roman Catholics and Mormons. They have long ignored the terrible threat posed to their society by witchcraft and Satanism. And they do nothing when Christians are penalised by the state for professing and proclaiming Biblical values.

And still they say, "What have I done?"

Idolatry and Adultery:

While America from her foundation has been heavily influenced by Freemasonry, the greater part of her early population remained true to the Bible. But this commitment weakened over time and underwent a radical change in the 1950s and 1960s, until it was finally abandoned in 1973 when the Christians of America accepted the legalisation of abortion – the murder of unborn children – by a Masonically controlled Supreme Court. As a result about a million American children are being murdered every year for the social and economic convenience of their mothers, many of whom are professing Christians. The god Baal is the god of Washington DC and the values of the nation are those of Baal.

The average American Christian has come to think of Christ as a prophet rather than the second Person of the Holy Trinity. His imminent return has been largely forgotten, and the churches have taken upon themselves the task of bringing in the kingdom.

The nation is controlled by the Luciferian cult of Freemasonry, which in turn has co-opted many other anti-Christian groups to assist them in the subversion of the American people – Marxists, eugenicists, environmentalists, feminists, humanists, New Agers, and so forth. The Roman Catholic church, mainly through the Jesuit Order, has been very successful over the past century in infiltrating and undermining true Christian churches in America and in subverting and corrupting the political process, to the point where today she controls the Supreme Court.

Sexual promiscuity and perversion are rampant throughout American society. Child rape is common. Sodomy is regarded as a right and the Christian institution of marriage is defiled by legal re-definitions that include same-sex partnerships. The pornography and prostitution industries are booming and the underground circulation of snuff movies (which depict real-life rape, torture and murder) is well established.

Conclusion

There is hardly any need to extend this audit of latter-day America to include the corruption of the government, state and federal officials, big business, or the banking system, not to mention drug cartels, crime syndicates, and other illicit and immoral groups. The situation at grassroots level is more than sufficient to show that the United States today is just as decadent and depraved as Judah was in the time of Jeremiah.

Is it possible that a mere 1% of Americans today are true God-fearing Christians? Only the LORD knows the answer to that. But if it were so, then surely we would be witnessing 2-3 million people protesting loudly and vigorously, month after month, against the abortion and pornography industries alone.

Can you hear them? No?

Neither can I.

Will the LORD spare America if less than 1% of her citizens are true believers? He has to date, but for how much longer? Jeremiah preached his warning of impending catastrophe for 40 years. So far nearly 40 years have elapsed since the judgment Roe v Wade, which legalised abortion in America. Unless the American people repent and humble themselves in significant numbers and turn once again to the LORD, it looks as though their time has almost run out.

And still they say, "What have I done?"

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Recent British Blasphemies reveal the Extent to which the UK is Ruled by a Luciferian Elite

by Jeremy James

[Note: We regret having to reproduce these blasphemous images but, unless true Christians see the evidence for themselves (and few have), they won't recognize the bitter contempt that people in high places have for Christianity.]



The Dark Elite who Rule Britain

Britain is one of the main centres of counter-Christianity in the world today. Most of the global programs that are designed to destroy Christianity and bring about a New World Order either originated in Britain or were extensively funded and promoted by the British ruling elite. These include Evolution, Atheism, Humanism, Marxism, and Freemasonry, along with a variety of occult organizations and groups. A system of Masonic obelisks – occult shrines to Lucifer – stretch across the entire country, while most of its leaders are members of, or controlled by, the network of Masons and Knights of Malta who run Europe.

An Organized Campaign of Blasphemy

These people continually look for ways to dull the sensibilities of the British public and lure them into an ever deeper rejection of their Christian heritage. For example, in 2005 the BBC – the official national broadcaster – aired the profoundly blasphemous musical, *Jerry Springer – The Opera*. What is more it did so during prime time viewing. This 2-hour British production was nothing less than a deliberate and sustained exercise in vulgarity, an arrogant mockery of Christianity and of Christ himself.

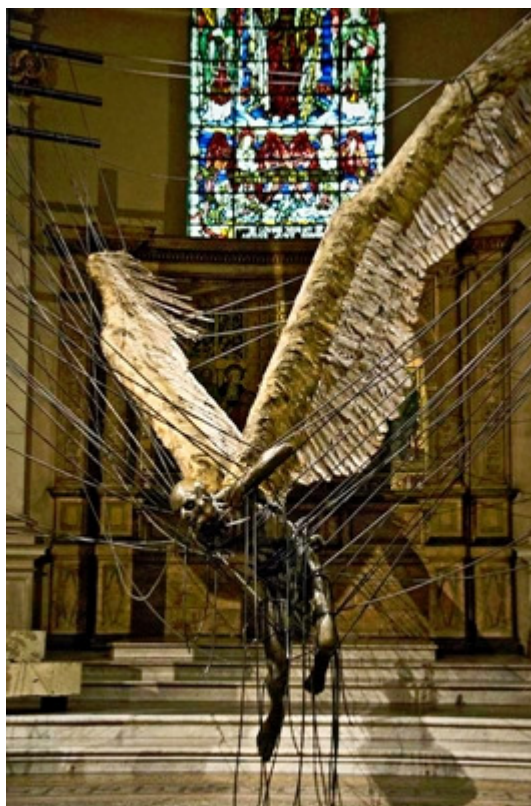
For several decades the main focus of attack was Christian morality, and countless television programs and documentaries were produced which shamelessly incorporated material that was designed to mock and discredit Christian values. The campaign of blasphemy, which began in the 1960s, became steadily more extreme and has now advanced to the stage where Christ himself is mocked and ridiculed in a very public way. It is not our intention here to document the various steps in this campaign or how it has been conducted, but simply to show that it has been under way for some time and has reached the point where the most flagrant forms of blasphemy are now accepted without demur by a spineless, demoralised public.

Prominent public displays of Blasphemy

One of the most perverted examples was an 'art' exhibit at the former church of the Holy Trinity, Marylebone, London in 2009. It comprised a life-size waxen figure of a gorilla nailed to a large wooden cross, described in the press as a 'crucified ape':



In case you are tempted to dismiss this as merely an aberration rather than a deliberate blasphemy, the same church building had also been used the previous year to display the following work, called 'Lucifer – Morning Star':



In order to increase the occult power behind this blasphemy, the ‘crucified ape’ exhibit in 2009 was placed in the same location as the Lucifer exhibit. This can be verified from the detail of the stained glass window immediately behind both exhibits:



A more recent and even more vivid example of the blasphemous excesses promoted by this campaign was the so-called *Roy the Redeemer* effigy erected on the Cliffs of Dover in June 2012. This 100-foot high effigy was meant to depict the manager of the national team, Roy Hodgson, as the ‘redeemer’ of English football. This Christ-mocking monstrosity was erected just prior to England’s opening match against France in the European Championships:



The photo at the beginning of this paper shows a slightly wider view of this effigy in which a gigantic obelisk is clearly visible. Since these tapering stone pillars are themselves a Masonic form of blasphemy – a phallic celebration of Baal/Lucifer – we should not be surprised that the effigy was erected in close proximity to an obelisk.

It should be obvious to most readers that the effigy is a deliberate parody of the famous statue, ‘Christ the Redeemer’, located on a hill overlooking Rio de Janeiro:



What kind of mentality are we dealing with here? The organizations behind these shameless acts of blasphemy are wont to excuse their twisted bravado as 'entertainment' (*Jerry Springer – The Opera*) or 'art' (the crucified ape and Lucifer exhibits) or simply 'fun' (the Cliffs of Dover effigy). But these are just cynical smokescreens to conceal their obvious purpose.

The Campaign has shifted into high gear

It is clear that the British campaign of blasphemy has moved into a much higher gear in the last 7 years or so and is now targeting the very heart of Christianity in the most insulting and offensive manner possible. Increasingly the Cross and the person of Christ are being treated as objects of ridicule, as jaded and contemptible artefacts from a bygone age. The Luciferian elite who control Britain are pushing hard to eviscerate the conscience of the British people, or what is left of it. Britain has long ceased to be a Christian nation and has become instead a toxic mix of atheists, Freemasons, Marxists, New Agers, witches, and pagans of every hue. The Moslem, Hindu and Sikh population of the UK has swollen dramatically in the last two decades, to the point where traditional Christian values are scorned as cultural relics and the public denunciation of sin is treated as a crime punishable by imprisonment.

Why is America in partnership with a Christ-hating Nation?

Americans seem to be untroubled by the 'special relationship' that exists between the US and the UK, but if they could see the moral depravity of their 'partner' and the trenchantly anti-Christian nature of her leadership, they might finally begin to realize that their own leaders are equally submissive to Satan and equally implicated in his Antichrist agenda.

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The Harbinger, the Inverted Tree, and Why Christians need to Discriminate very carefully between Prophecy and Speculation

by Jeremy James



Trinity Root: sculpture of an inverted tree outside Trinity Church on Wall Street

“The Sephirothic tree of the Qabbalah was therefore inverted...”
- Manly P Hall, *The Secret Teachings of All Ages*

The Harbinger is a best-selling book by Messianic Rabbi Jonathan Cahn, published in January 2012. The publisher’s blurb on the back cover includes the following:

Is it possible...That there exists an ancient mystery that holds the secret of America's future? That this mystery is behind everything from 9/11 to the collapse of the global economy? That God is now sending a prophetic message on which America’s future hangs?

Before its end as a nation, there appeared in ancient Israel a series of specific omens and signs warning of destruction – these same Nine Harbingers are now manifesting in America with profound ramifications for America's future and end-time prophecy.

Hidden in an ancient biblical verse from the Book of Isaiah, the mysteries revealed in *The Harbinger* are so precise that they foretell recent American events down to the exact days...the 3,000-year-old mystery that revealed the exact date of the stock market collapse of 2008...the ancient prophecy that was proclaimed from the floor of the US Senate and then came true...and more. The revelations are so specific that even the most hardened skeptic will find it hard to put down. Though it sounds like the plot of a Hollywood thriller – *it's real*.

Fact or Fiction?

The message of repentance in *The Harbinger* is immensely important. We should shout it from the rooftops. But there are serious problems with the way the message is presented. And if we remain silent about these problems, we are failing in our duty to examine prophetic warnings, from whatever source, in strict accordance with God's Holy Word.

Americans find it very hard to accept that their nation is not mentioned in the Bible, except as one of the many Gentile nations on the earth today. Any responsible theologian who claimed that it *was* mentioned would be expected to demonstrate his conviction in a sound scriptural manner, in accordance with accepted principles of Biblical exegesis. But Rabbi Cahn does not do this. Instead he expresses his opinion in a fictional format and so avoids the need for traditional, legitimate scholarship. He assumes that his readers will get caught up in the flow of the narrative and will choose to believe his thesis. This would be perfectly okay were it not for the fact that he, or at least his supporters, also want his thesis to be accepted as though its truth had already been demonstrated in a sound Biblical manner. But he can't have it both ways. Either *The Harbinger* is fiction or it is fact. Since he chose to publish it in a fictional genre he is not entitled to claim that his work is anything other than speculation.

Methodology

In his videotaped talk, *The Zohar Speaks* (which can be viewed on YouTube), Rabbi Cahn refers to the following passage from the Kabbalistic book, the Zohar, but then proceeds to quote it in a very selective way, as we shall see:

“In the Gulgalta sit thirteen thousand myriads of worlds which move on feet and lean on them. And from that Gulgalta dew drips upon Him who is outside, and fills his head every day, as it is written, *My head is filled with dew* (Songs 5:2). And from that dew which He who sits outside shakes from His head, the dead will awaken in the World to Come, as it is written, *For a dew of light is Thy dew, and the earth shall bring forth the shades* (Isa. 26:19). That dew is the light of the pale glow of the Ancient One. And from that dew exist the supernal saints, and it is the manna which they grind for the righteous in the World to Come. And that dew drips down to the field of Sacred Apples...” Idra Rabba, Zohar 3: 128b

[Quoted in *The Messiah Texts* by Raphael Patai, Wayne State University, 1979]

He argues that the Gulgalta (skull) in the Zohar is a reference, albeit unwitting, to Golgotha (skull), the hill of Calvary where Christ was crucified. However, a plain reading of the text would strongly suggest that such an interpretation is completely unwarranted. The Gulgalta of the Zohar is the skull or cranial cavity of the Kabbalistic godhead in which thousands of worlds exist and from which emanations project to support a messiah-type figure in the worlds below.

Here is the text as quoted on YouTube by Rabbi Cahn (which I transcribed from the audio feed):

“In the Gulgalta sit thousands of myriads of worlds. And from the Gulgalta drips dew and the dew fills the world and the dead will awaken in the world to come as the dew comes forth. The dew is the lights of the Ancient One. The light of the Ancient One comes from Gulgalta and as it touches the dead come to life. From Gulgalta is the light of God bringing life from the dead...”

As you can see, the differences between the actual Zohar text and the one quoted by the Rabbi are significant. I am not suggesting for one moment that the Rabbi was deliberately misleading his audience in any way, but simply showing that he did not have full regard to what the Zohar was actually saying. In his eagerness to see a connection, he found one – just as he saw a connection between the tragic events of 9/11 and a solitary verse from Isaiah. This kind of enthusiasm may be understandable in an evangelistic forum, but it should not be accepted as a substitute for sound scholarship and careful exegesis.

The So-called Secret Destiny of America

The book has caught the popular imagination, and is fêted by celebrities like Glenn Beck, because it treats America as a nation of Destiny, a nation that has been ordained by God to play a major part in His plan for mankind. Those who hold to this view – which has no scriptural basis – have actually adopted a belief that is central to Freemasonry. Few Americans today, including readers of *The Harbinger*, seem to realize that their country’s history and future development has long been shaped and planned by the ultra-rich elite who control Congress (which in Masonic symbology is regarded as a Temple), as well as other key institutions in American society.

Here’s the proof. Most American Masons will have read, or will at least be familiar with, a work published in 1944 by Manly Palmer Hall. This highly influential scholar is widely revered as one of the greatest authorities on the Craft. His book, *The Secret Destiny of America*, which is little known outside of Freemasonry, sets out the remarkably ambitious plan that the top Masonic degrees have long been following for the United States.

It is worth one’s while to persevere with the following excerpts from Hall’s book since they shed considerable light on what is really happening in America today:

America cannot refuse the challenge of leadership in the postwar world. Mere physical reconstruction of ravaged countries and the reorganization of political, economic, and social systems is the lesser task we will face. The larger problem and the great challenge is in how to set up a new order of world ethics firmly established on a foundation of democratic idealism...

I dedicate this book to the proposition that American Democracy is part of a Universal Plan...

Thousands of years ago, in Egypt, these mystical orders were aware of the existence of the western hemisphere and the great continent which we call America. The bold resolution was made that this western continent should become the site of the philosophic empire...

And so it is from the remote past, from the deep shadows of the medieval world as well as from the early struggles of more modern times, that the power of American democracy has come. But we are only on the threshold of the democratic state. Not only must we preserve that which we have gained through ages of striving, we must also perfect the plan of the ages, setting up here the machinery for a world brotherhood of nations and races...

Greek mythology perpetuates the knowledge of a blessed land beyond the Western Boundaries of Ocean. In this blessed land dwelt the Hesperides, the beautiful daughters of Night, and here also at the end of each day the sun came to rest. In popular mythology the Hesperic Isles were a kind of terrestrial paradise...

By the wisdom then of those gods who are eternally vigilant over the needs of man, the blessed lands of the west were set apart, for none of the great civilizations of the past rose in North America to overshadow the continent with the ruins of old tradition, or to set up the corruptions of old administrative policy...

The old seer [*Nostradamus*] refers to this country under several names. He calls it the Hisparides, the Blessed Isles of the West. In another place he simply names it America. And his third designation of it is, the Land Which Keeps the Thursday. This last form is the most astonishing. For it refers to the unique American holiday, Thanksgiving, which always falls upon a Thursday. And this the only holiday which depends upon the day alone for its observance...

Franklin spoke for the Order of the Quest [*the secret society behind Freemasonry*], and most of the men who worked with him in the early days of the American Revolution were also members. The plan was working out, the New Atlantis was coming into being, in accordance with the program laid down by Francis Bacon a hundred and fifty years earlier. The rise of American democracy was necessary to a world program.

- Manly P Hall, *The Secret Destiny of America*, 1944

Curiously, the “field of Sacred Apples” mentioned in the quote from the Zohar is the same as the “Blessed Isles of the West” mentioned by Hall and Nostradamus – where the “Hesperides” serve as guardians of the Sacred Apples. Hall also makes an unsettling reference to Thanksgiving (which falls this year on 11/22).

Let’s summarize what Hall is saying here:

America was long ago identified by the gods as the country through which a new world order would be established. The secret society system in Europe set it up with a view to covertly bringing the rest of the world into step with its agenda. This plan is not simply man’s plan, but a divine plan – a “Universal Plan” or “plan of the ages” – that is designed to create a “world brotherhood”. Under the benign supervision of “those gods who are eternally vigilant over the needs of man”, the plan is taking shape and the “world program” is coming into being.

That’s the Masonic agenda. And since high-level Masons worship Lucifer, the plan is demonic in nature. Here is how Hall himself described Masonry:

“Masonry is a university, teaching the liberal arts and sciences of the soul to all who will attend to its words. It is a shadow of the great Atlantean Mystery School, which stood with all its splendor in the Ancient City of the Golden Gates, where now the turbulent Atlantic rolls in unbroken sweep...When the Mason learns that the key to the warrior on the block is the proper application of the dynamo of living power, he has learned the mystery of his Craft. The seething energies of Lucifer are in his hands and before he may step onward and upward, he must prove his ability to properly apply energy.”

- Manly P Hall, *The Lost Keys of Freemasonry* (1923)

Christianity is seen as the enemy. It got in the way of Lucifer’s plan and forced the secret societies to be even more careful and secretive in pursuing their goals:

“The rise of the Christian Church broke up the intellectual pattern of the classical pagan world. By persecution of this pattern's ideologies it drove the secret societies into greater secrecy; the pagan intellectuals then reclothed their original ideas in a garment of Christian phraseology, but bestowed the keys of the symbolism only upon those duly initiated and bound to secrecy by their vows.”

- Manly P Hall, *The Secret Destiny of America* (1944)

Note that the secret society system adopts a ‘Christian’ face – “a garment of Christian phraseology” – in order to hide itself in plain sight. It also uses severe vows of secrecy to control its members and prevent information from leaking out.

Misusing Scripture

The Masons use their 'Christian' persona to hide the fact that they are steadily undermining traditional Christian values through the judicial system, socialist indoctrination, media propaganda, and in many other ways. They are also striving where possible to appropriate Biblical prophecy for their own purposes. British Israelism is part of this agenda, the belief that the aristocratic and elite bloodlines of both the United Kingdom and the United States are direct descendants of the lost tribes of Israel and thus the ones that will inherit the promises made to Jacob and the Patriarchs in the Old Testament. Interpretations of Biblical prophecy which fit in with this agenda are highly esteemed by the Masonic fraternity. This has the dual advantage of giving a scriptural veneer to their "plan of the ages" while at the same time opposing the LORD's will for Israel.

The 9/11 'prophecies' profess to find a connection between the sycamore tree which was uprooted in Wall Street and its symbolic return some years later in the guise of a garish street sculpture outside Trinity Church. The work, an inverted tree cast in bronze and known popularly as *Trinity Root*, was officially installed in 2005. It is significant therefore that Manly Hall refers specifically to the occult meaning of the inverted tree:

The Mysteries taught that the divine energies from the gods descended upon the top of the Pyramid, which was likened to an inverted tree with its branches below and its roots at the apex. From this inverted tree the divine wisdom is disseminated by streaming down the diverging sides and radiating throughout the world. – Manly P Hall, *The Secret Teachings of All Ages* (1928)

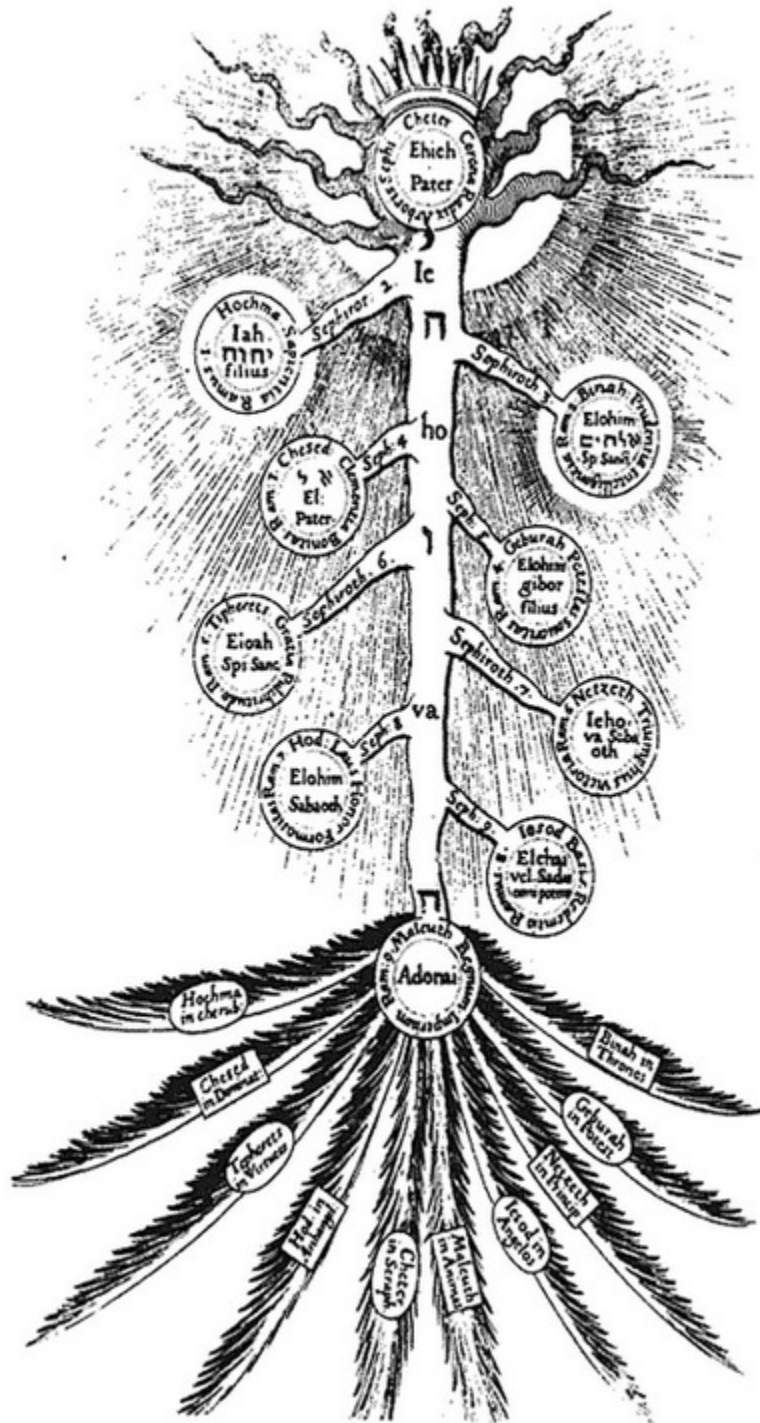
The mediæval Qabbalists represented creation as a tree with its roots in the reality of spirit and its branches in the illusion of tangible existence. The Sephirothic tree of the Qabbalah was therefore inverted, with its roots in heaven and its branches upon the earth. Madam Blavatsky notes that the Great Pyramid was considered to be a symbol of this inverted tree, with its root at the apex of the pyramid and its branches diverging in four streams towards the base. – Manly P Hall, *The Secret Teachings of All Ages* (1928)

The inverted or Sephirothic Tree has been exalted by magicians and occultists for centuries. For example, the works of Robert Fludd, a magus in the court of Queen Elizabeth I, include a representation of this revered occult symbol – see graphic overleaf.

The Harbinger is thus a very welcome book from the Masonic viewpoint. While I am not suggesting for a moment that its author is familiar with the "plan of the ages" and the goals being pursued by the Masons and the Vatican, his fictional speculation about Biblical prophecy plays right into their hands.

It is truly astonishing that so few Americans seem to understand the forces that control their country.

The Kabbalistic inverted Tree of Life or Sephirothic Tree,
from Robert Fludd's *Philosophia sacra*, 1626



To identify Isaiah 9:10 – “The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewn stones: the sycamores are cut down, but we will change them into cedars” – with the collapse of the Twin Towers is foolishness of a very high order. It hardly seems possible that so many Christian leaders could be taken in by this. Whatever happened to discernment?

And without discernment, what hope is there for repentance?

The verse in Isaiah that they should be studying is

“Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word; your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.”

- Isaiah 66:5

Only the professing Christians of a truly backslidden, rebellious nation could be moved by the fate of a sycamore tree and yet not be drawn to repentance by the awful realization that – through their indifference and flagrant hypocrisy – they have allowed more than 50 million unborn children to be murdered in their country since 1973.

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A Prophetic Dream in *The Harbinger* is suspiciously like a Prophetic Dream acclaimed by American Freemasons

by Jeremy James



In his review of *The Harbinger*, David James made the following observation:

“In the second half of the book, Kaplan has a dream about the dedication of the temple in Jerusalem which includes the biblical king Solomon. However, when Solomon turns around, he has unexpectedly transformed into George Washington on the Temple Mount. Is this dream just a literary device in the story or did the author actually have a similar dream? Although he [*Jonathan Cahn*] has stated that he did not have a dream as described in the book, it is clear that the idea for the dream sequence did not develop in a vacuum. Could it simply represent Cahn’s contemplation and thought process as he sought to arrive at a meaningful interpretation of some of the events in America over the past decade?”

David James asks, “Is this dream just a literary device in the story or did the author actually have a similar dream?” Later in his review, he returns to the same question:

“Although the author has said that this dream is simply part of the fictional storyline, it seems unlikely that there is not a specific reason behind connecting Solomon and George Washington given what is in the previous eighteen chapters. Why does Solomon transform into George Washington on the Temple Mount?”

Well, I believe I can answer that question.

In chapter 19 of his book, *The Secret Destiny of America*, one of the foremost authorities on Freemasonry, Manly P Hall, gave an account of a prophetic dream that General George McClellan reported at a critical point in the American Civil War. Details of the dream were published shortly thereafter in the Portland Maine *Evening Courier* on March 8, 1862.

The circumstances and content of the General’s dream were as follows:

While poring over his maps late into the night, he fell asleep and found himself standing in space, staring over a huge map of the country, from the Mississippi to the Atlantic. A voice warned, “Your time is short.” He couldn’t make out the features of the man who addressed him, but he followed his instructions and rapidly noted the disposition of the enemy forces. As Hall states:

“His pencil moving with the speed of thought, McClellan transferred the troop positions from the living map to the paper map on his desk. When this had been done, McClellan became aware that the figure standing near him had increased in light and glory until it shone like the noonday sun. And as he raised his eyes he looked into the face of George Washington.”

The First President proceeded to give the General further information about the destiny of America. When he awoke he looked at the maps on his desk: “But there was one difference; the maps were covered with the marks, signs, and figures which he had inscribed there during the vision.”

The dramatic warning from the “Glorified Spirit of Washington” included the following prophetic remark:

“But her [America’s] mission will not then be finished; for ere *another century* shall have gone by, the oppressors of the whole earth, hating and envying her exaltation, shall join themselves together and raise up their hands against her. But if she still be found worthy of her high calling they shall surely be discomfited, and then will be ended her *third* and last great struggle for existence. Thenceforth shall the Republic go on, increasing in power and goodness, until her borders shall end only in the remotest corners of the earth, and the whole earth shall beneath her shadowing wing become a Universal Republic...”

According to this prophetic vision, America has been destined to go through three traumatic events. The first was the War of Independence. The second was the Civil War, which the “Glorified Spirit” of Washington said the Union forces would win. And the third would come about when America became so powerful that all nations of the world would rise up against her in envy and try to destroy her. But “if she still be found worthy of her high calling” she would triumph over them and establish dominion over the entire world, to “the remotest corners of the earth.”

According to this dream-vision, America has clearly acquired the Biblical destiny of Israel, which scripture tells us will be attacked by a confederacy of all nations in the End Time but will survive and become the center of a world empire.

American Freemasons regard George Washington as a man who became a god. This profoundly pagan event is celebrated by a huge fresco – 65 feet in diameter – inside the eye of the Rotunda of the Capitol building in Washington DC:



The Apotheosis of Washington in the eye of the Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol

As a ‘god’ he appears from time to time at critical moments in America’s history to guide mortal men and help their nation realize its destiny as a world empire. Here is how Manly Hall describes this work of divine guidance:

“It is written in the old books that when the brothers of the Quest desire to bring about changes in the mortal state they send messengers and strange dreams and mystic visions and, accomplish their purpose by revealing their will to the leaders of nations in sundry and curious ways.”

Christians everywhere should immediately recognize all of this as demonic. It is all part of Lucifer's revolt against the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He wants a world empire where all men are under his control and worship him as the supreme deity. In order to achieve this he has to convince them that they are really gods, not created beings, and that through his 'divine' guidance and the inspired use of their creative imaginations, they can break free from the limitations of the flesh and become deified like Washington.

So, when King Solomon is transformed into George Washington in *The Harbinger*, and this occurs on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, one's inner alarm bell should ring loud and long.

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A Startling Military Essay that seems to Predict a Coup by the US Armed Forces in 2012

- All Necessary Conditions are now in Place -



Source of Essay

The essay [which is appended below] was the winning entry in a military literary competition in 1992, submitted by Lieutenant Colonel Charles J. Dunlap, Jr., USAF. The award to the winner was presented by General Colin Powell.

The essay (including Charles Dunlap's summary at the start) was available on the official website of the US Army Military College based in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, in March, 2009, but was subsequently removed. It may still be available at:

<http://www.au.af.mil/au/awc/awcgate/parameters/dunlap2012.pdf>

Theme of Essay

The essay was written in 1992 from the perspective of a military officer imprisoned after the fictional coup of 2012. The prisoner reflects on the factors that led to the coup. A constitutional crisis arose where the President was assassinated in 2012 and the Vice President 'refused' to take the oath of President. The power vacuum created by this crisis prompted a senior military figure to stage a coup and ensure ongoing political stability. Congress then passed an Act authorizing a national referendum to seek approval from the American people to legally install the new military leader as President. Due to various crises at that time (not detailed in the essay) a majority of the American people voted in favour of the new leader.

They feared for their property, their state entitlements, their medical care, and the possibility of widespread social unrest. Once installed as President the new leader placed the nation under martial law. Anyone who opposed him was defined as a 'terrorist' and imprisoned without trial.

All necessary legislative conditions are now in place

The essay makes a number of predictions regarding the legislative changes that would be needed to facilitate a coup, notably the authorization of the military to intervene extensively in civil affairs and to arrest and detain American citizens indefinitely without trial. The National Defense Authorization Act of 2012 (signed by Obama) has made this possible.

Previous Coup Attempt

A military coup would be the ideal way of bringing the US under the control of a powerful elite. They last tried to do this in the 1930s when a planned coup, financed by an elite group of wealthy patrons, was exposed by Major General Smedley Butler.

A possible scenario for 2012 based on the essay

A possible realization of the scenario set out in Dunlap's paper would run as follows:

A major financial crisis would unfold in America in the fall of 2012. However, the Presidential elections would be held as scheduled on 6 November. Romney would win, possibly on foot of unfavourable disclosures in the media, true or otherwise, about Obama. The sitting President would be 'assassinated' (on 22 November?) in a staged event. The nation, already shaken by a potential financial calamity, would be greatly disturbed by the assassination and would want the Vice President to swear the oath of office as quickly as possible. However the incoming President would challenge the legality of this and cause a Constitutional crisis. This would roll on for several weeks, creating alarm across the nation. Finally, to the relief of many, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the Armed Forces puts himself forward as 'President' (on 21 December?) until the crisis is resolved. Congress decides that the best solution to an insoluble Constitutional problem is to pass an Act which would allow the nation to legalize the new incumbent by a referendum of the people. Greatly frightened by the continuing uncertainty, the majority of voters approve the new 'President'.

Unless Americans wake up **NOW** and see the real agenda being pursued by many 'trusted' people in high office, their country will be enslaved from within.

“Deliver me, O LORD, from evil men; preserve me from violent men, who plan evil things in their heart and stir up wars continually.” – Psalm 140

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The Origins of the American Military Coup of 2012

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*The letter that follows takes us on a darkly imagined excursion into the future. A military coup has taken place in the United States – the year is 2012 – and General Thomas E. T. Brutus, Commander-in-Chief of the Unified Armed Forces of the United States, now occupies the White House as permanent Military Plenipotentiary. His position has been ratified by a national referendum, though scattered disorders still prevail and arrests for acts of sedition are underway. A senior retired officer of the Unified Armed Forces, known here simply as Prisoner 222305759, is one of those arrested, having been convicted by court-martial for opposing the coup. Prior to his execution, he is able to smuggle out of prison a letter to an old War College classmate discussing the "Origins of the American Military Coup of 2012." In it, he argues that the coup was the outgrowth of trends visible as far back as 1992. **These trends were the massive diversion of military forces to civilian uses, the monolithic unification of the armed forces, and the insularity of the military community.** His letter survives and is here presented verbatim.*

It goes without saying (I hope) that the coup scenario above is purely a literary device intended to dramatize my concern over certain contemporary developments affecting the armed forces, and is emphatically not a prediction.

– The Author [Charles Dunlap]

Dear Old Friend,

It's hard to believe that 20 years have passed since we graduated from the War College! Remember the great discussions, the trips, the parties, the people? Those were the days!!! I'm not having quite as much fun anymore. You've heard about the Sedition Trials? Yeah, I was one of those arrested – convicted of "disloyal statements," and "using contemptuous language towards officials." Disloyal? No. Contemptuous? You bet! With General Brutus in charge it's not hard to be contemptuous.

I've got to hand it to Brutus, he's ingenious. **After the President died he somehow "persuaded" the Vice President not to take the oath of office.** Did we then have a President or not? A real "Constitutional Conundrum" the papers called it. [1] Brutus created just enough ambiguity to convince everyone that as the senior military officer, he could – and should – declare himself Commander-in-Chief of the Unified Armed Forces. Remember what he said? "Had to fill the power vacuum." And Brutus showed he really knew how to use power: **he declared martial law, "postponed" the elections, got the Vice President to "retire," and even moved into the White House!** "More efficient to work from there," he said. Remember that?

When Congress convened that last time and managed to pass the Referendum Act, I really got my hopes up. But when **the Referendum approved Brutus's takeover,** I knew we were in serious trouble. I caused a ruckus, you know, trying to organize a protest. Then the Security Forces picked me up. My quickie "trial" was a joke. The sentence? Well, let's just say you won't have to save any beer for me at next year's reunion. Since it doesn't look like I'll be seeing you again, I thought I'd write everything down and try to get it to you.

I am calling my paper the "Origins of the American Military Coup of 2012." I think it's important to get the truth recorded before they rewrite history. If we're ever going to get our freedom back, we've got to understand how we got into this mess. People need to understand that the armed forces exist to support and defend government, not to *be* the government. Faced with intractable national problems on one hand, and an energetic and capable military on the other, it can be all too seductive to start viewing the military as a cost-effective solution. **We made a terrible mistake when we allowed the armed forces to be diverted from their original purpose.**

I found a box of my notes and clippings from our War College days – told my keepers I needed them to write the confession they want. It's amazing; looking through these old papers makes me realize that **even back in 1992 we should have seen this coming.** The seeds of this outrage were all there; we just didn't realize how they would grow. But isn't that always the way with things like this? Somebody once said that "the true watersheds in human affairs are seldom spotted amid the tumult of headlines broadcast on the hour." [2] And we had a lot of headlines back in the '90s to distract us: The economy was in the dumps, crime was rising, schools were deteriorating, drug use was rampant, the environment was in trouble, and political scandals were occurring almost daily. Still, there was some good news: the end of the Cold War as well as America's recent victory over Iraq.

All of this and more contributed to the situation in which we find ourselves today: a military that controls government and one that, ironically, can't fight. It wasn't any single cause that led us to this point. Instead, it was a combination of several different developments, the beginnings of which were evident in 1992. Here's what I think happened:

Americans became exasperated with democracy. We were disillusioned with the apparent inability of elected government to solve the nation's dilemmas. We were looking for someone or something that could produce workable answers. The one institution of government in which the people retained faith was the military. **Buoyed by the military's obvious competence in the First Gulf War, the public increasingly turned to it for solutions to the country's problems. Americans called for an acceleration of trends begun in the 1980s: tasking the military with a variety of new, nontraditional missions, and vastly escalating its commitment to formerly ancillary duties.**

Though not obvious at the time, the cumulative effect of these new responsibilities was **to incorporate the military into the political process to an unprecedented degree.** These additional assignments also had the perverse effect of diverting focus and resources from the military's central mission of combat training and warfighting. Finally, organizational, political, and societal changes served to alter the American military's culture. Today's military is not the one we knew when we graduated from the War College.

Let me explain how I came to these conclusions. **In 1992 not very many people would've thought a military coup d'etat could ever happen here.** Sure, there were eccentric conspiracy theorists who saw the Pentagon's hand in the assassination of President Kennedy, [3] President Nixon's downfall, [4] and similar events. But even the most avid believers had to admit that no outright military takeover had ever occurred before now. Heeding Washington's admonitions in his Farewell address about the dangers of overgrown military establishments, [5] Americans generally viewed their armed forces with a judicious mixture of respect and wariness. [6] For over two centuries that vigilance was rewarded, and most Americans came to consider the very notion of a military coup preposterous. Historian Andrew Janos captured the conventional view of the latter half of the 20th century in this clipping I saved:

A coup d'etat in the United States would be too fantastic to contemplate, not only because few would actually entertain the idea, but also because the bulk of the people are strongly attached to the prevailing political system and would rise in defense of a political leader even though they might not like him. The environment most hospitable to coups d'etat is one in which political apathy prevails as the dominant style. [7]

*[Note by Editor: This is from an **actual** military study published in 1964.]*

However, when Janos wrote that back in 1964, 61.9 percent of the electorate voted. Since then voter participation has steadily declined. By 1988 only 50.1 percent of the eligible voters cast a ballot. [8] Simple extrapolation of those numbers to last spring's Referendum would have predicted almost exactly the turnout. It was precisely *reversed* from that of 1964: 61.9 percent of the electorate did *not* vote.

America's societal malaise was readily apparent in 1992. Seventy-eight percent of Americans believed the country was on the "wrong track." One researcher declared that social indicators were at their lowest level in 20 years and insisted "something [was] coming loose in the social infrastructure." The nation was frustrated and angry about its problems. [9]

America wanted solutions and democratically elected government wasn't providing them. [10] The country suffered from a "deep pessimism about politicians and government after years of broken promises." [11] David Finkle observed in *The Washington Post Magazine* that for most Americans "the perception of government is that it has evolved from something that provides democracy's framework into something that provides obstacles, from something to celebrate into something to ignore." Likewise, politicians and their proposals seemed stale and repetitive. Millions of voters gave up hope of finding answers. [12] The "environment of apathy" Janos characterized as a precursor to a coup had arrived.

Unlike the rest of government the military enjoyed a remarkably steady climb in popularity throughout the 1980s and early 1990s. [13] And indeed it had earned the admiration of the public. Debilitated by the Vietnam War, the US military set about reinventing itself. As early as 1988 *U.S. News & World Report* heralded the result: "In contrast to the dispirited, drug-ravaged, do-your-own-thing armed services of the '70s and early '80s, the US military has been transformed into a fighting force of gung-ho attitude, spit-shined discipline, and ten-hut morale." [14] After the US military dealt Iraq a crushing defeat in the First Gulf War, the ignominy of Vietnam evaporated.

When we graduated from the War College in 1992, the armed forces were the smartest, best educated, and best disciplined force in history. [15] While polls showed that the public invariably gave Congress low marks, a February 1991 survey disclosed that "public confidence in the military soar[ed] to 85 percent, far surpassing every other institution in our society." The armed forces had become America's most – and perhaps only – trusted arm of government. [16]

Assumptions about the role of the military in society also began to change. Twenty years before we graduated, the Supreme Court confidently declared in *Laird v. Tatum* that Americans had a "traditional and strong resistance to any military intrusion into civilian affairs." [17] But Americans were now rethinking the desirability and necessity of that resistance. They compared the military's principled competence with the chicanery and ineptitude of many elected officials, and found the latter wanting. [18]

Commentator James Fallows expressed the new thinking in an August 1991 article in *Atlantic* magazine. Musing on the contributions of the military to American society, Fallows wrote: “I am beginning to think that the only way the national government can do anything worthwhile is to invent a security threat and turn the job over to the military.” He elaborated on his reasoning:

According to our economic and political theories, most agencies of the government have no special standing to speak about the general national welfare. Each represents a certain constituency; the interest groups fight it out. The military, strangely, is the one government institution that has been assigned legitimacy to act on its notion of the collective good. “National defense” can make us do things – train engineers, build highways – that long-term good of the nation or common sense cannot. [19]

About a decade before Fallows' article appeared, Congress initiated the use of “national defense” as a rationale to boost military participation in an activity historically the exclusive domain of civilian government: law enforcement. Congress concluded that the “rising tide of drugs being smuggled into the United States... present[ed] a grave threat to all Americans.” **Finding the performance of civilian law enforcement agencies in counteracting that threat unsatisfactory, Congress passed the Military Cooperation with Civilian Law Enforcement Agencies Act of 1981.*** [20] **In doing so Congress specifically intended to force reluctant military commanders to actively collaborate in police work.** [21]

*[Note by Editor: This is an **actual** Act of the US Congress.]*

This was a historic change of policy. Since the passage of the Posse Comitatus Act in 1878, the military had distanced itself from law enforcement activities. [22] While the 1981 law did retain certain limits on the legal authority of military personnel, its net effect was to **dramatically expand military participation** in anti-drug efforts. [23] By 1991 the Department of Defense was spending \$1.2 billion on counternarcotics crusades. Air Force surveillance aircraft were sent to track airborne smugglers; Navy ships patrolled the Caribbean looking for drug-laden vessels; and National Guardsmen were searching for marijuana caches near the borders. [24] By 1992 "combatting" drug trafficking was formally declared a "high national security mission." [25]

It wasn't too long before 21st-century legislators were calling for more military involvement in police work. [26] Crime seemed out of control. Most disturbing, the incidence of violent crime continued to climb. [27] Americans were horrified and desperate: a third even believed vigilantism could be justified. [28] Rising lawlessness was seen as but another example of the civilian political leadership's inability to fulfill government's most basic duty to ensure public safety. [29] People once again wanted the military to help.

Hints of an expanded police function were starting to surface while we were still at the War College. For example, District of Columbia National Guardsmen established a regular military presence in high-crime areas. [30] **Eventually, people became acclimated to seeing uniformed military personnel patrolling their neighborhood.** [31] Now troops are an adjunct to almost all police forces in the country. In many of the areas where much of our burgeoning population of elderly Americans live – Brutus calls them "National Security Zones"– the military is often the only law enforcement agency. **Consequently, the military was ideally positioned in thousands of communities to support the coup.**

Concern about crime was a major reason why General Brutus's actions were approved in the Referendum. Although voter participation by the general public was low, older Americans voted at a much higher rate. [32] Furthermore, with the aging of the baby boom generation, the block of American voters over 45 grew to almost 53 percent of the voters by 2010. [33] **This wealthy, [34] older electorate welcomed an organization which could ensure their physical security.** [35] When it counted, they backed Brutus in the Referendum – probably the last votes they'll ever cast.

The military's constituency was larger than just the aged. **Poor Americans of all ages became dependent upon the military not only for protection against crime, but also for medical care.** Again we saw the roots of this back in 1992. First it was the barely defeated proposal to use veterans' hospitals to provide care for the non-veteran poor. [36] Next were calls to deploy military medical assets to relieve hard-pressed urban hospitals. [37] As the number of uninsured and underinsured grew, the pressure to provide care became inexorable. Now military hospitals serve millions of new, non-military patients. Similarly, a proposal to use so-called "underutilized" military bases as drug rehabilitation centers was implemented on a massive scale. [38]

Even the youngest citizens were co-opted. During the 1990s the public became aware that military officers had the math and science backgrounds desperately needed to revitalize US education. [39] In fact, programs involving military personnel were already underway while we were at the War College. [40] We now have an entire generation of young people who have grown up comfortable with the sight of military personnel patrolling their streets and teaching in their classrooms.

As you know, it wasn't just crises in public safety, medical care, and education that the military was tasked to mend. The military was also called upon to manage the cleanup of the nation's environmental hazards. By 1992 the armed services were deeply involved in this arena, and that involvement mushroomed. Once the military demonstrated its expertise, it wasn't long before environmental problems were declared "national security threats" and full responsibility devolved to the armed forces. [41]

Other problems were transformed into "national security" issues. As more commercial airlines went bankrupt and unprofitable air routes dropped, the military was called upon to provide "essential" air transport to the affected regions. In the name of national defense, the military next found itself in the sealift business. Ships purchased by the military for contingencies were leased, complete with military crews, at low rates to US exporters to help solve the trade deficit. [42] The nation's crumbling infrastructure was also declared a "national security threat." As was proposed back in 1991, troops rehabilitated public housing, rebuilt bridges and roads, and constructed new government buildings. By late 1992, voices in both Congress and the military had reached a crescendo calling for military involvement across a broad spectrum of heretofore purely civilian activities. [43] Soon, it became common in practically every community to see crews of soldiers working on local projects. [44] Military attire drew no stares.

The revised charter for the armed forces was not confined to domestic enterprises. Overseas humanitarian and nation-building assignments proliferated. [45] Though these projects have always been performed by the military on an ad hoc basis, in 1986 Congress formalized that process. It declared overseas humanitarian and civic assistance activities to be "valid military missions" and specifically authorized them by law. [46] Fueled by favorable press for operations in Iraq, Bangladesh, and the Philippines during the early 1990s, humanitarian missions were touted as the military's "model for the future." [47] That prediction came true. When several African governments collapsed under AIDS epidemics and famines around the turn of the century, US troops – first introduced to the continent in the 1990s – were called upon to restore basic services. They never left. [48] Now the US military constitutes the de facto government in many of those areas. Once again, the first whisperings of such duties could be heard in 1992. [49]

By the year 2000 the armed forces had penetrated many vital aspects of American society. More and more military officers sought the kind of autonomy in these civilian affairs that they would expect from their military superiors in the execution of traditional combat operations. **Thus began the inevitable politicization of the military.** With so much responsibility for virtually everything government was expected to do, the military increasingly demanded a larger role in policymaking. But in a democracy policymaking is a task best left to those accountable to the electorate. Nonetheless, well-intentioned military officers, accustomed to the ordered, hierarchical structure of military society, became impatient with the delays and inefficiencies inherent in the democratic process. Consequently, they increasingly sought to avoid it. They convinced themselves that they could more productively serve the nation in carrying out their new assignments if they accrued to themselves unfettered power to implement their programs. They forgot Lord Acton's warning that "all power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely." [50]

Congress became their unwitting ally. Because of the popularity of the new military programs – and the growing dependence upon them – Congress passed the Military Plenipotentiary Act of 2005. **This legislation was the legacy of the Goldwater-Nichols Defense Reorganization Act of 1986.** Among many revisions, Goldwater-Nichols **strengthened the office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff** and mandated numerous changes intended to increase "jointness" in the armed services. [51] Supporters of the Military Plenipotentiary Act argued that unity of command was critical to the successful management of the numerous activities now considered "military" operations. Moreover, many Congressmen mistakenly believed that Goldwater-Nichols was one of the main reasons for the military's success in the First Gulf War. [52] They viewed the Military Plenipotentiary Act as an enhancement of the strengths of Goldwater-Nichols.

*[Note by Editor: A possible actual equivalent of the fictitious Military Plenipotentiary Act is the **National Defense Authorization Act of 2012** (signed into law by President Obama on December 31, 2011) which tramples on the Constitution by providing for the arrest and indefinite detention of American citizens without trial during a state of national emergency (as defined by the President). It also designates the US itself as a potential war zone for military purposes. Thus the American military can legally engage in hostile operations on American soil if the President declares a state of national emergency. The various **Executive Orders** signed into law by President Obama have greatly increased the power of the President as Chief Executive during a time of national emergency (martial law). In short, the ideal conditions for a military coup, as defined by Dunlap, are **now** in existence in the US. Anyone who protests can be defined as a 'terrorist' and imprisoned. The law even allows for the interrogation (torture) of prisoners.]*

In passing this legislation Congress added greater authority to the military's top leadership position. Lulled by favorable experiences with Chairmen like General Colin Powell, [53] Congress saw little danger in converting the office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff into the even more powerful Military Plenipotentiary. No longer merely an advisor, the Military Plenipotentiary became a true commander of all US services, purportedly because that status could better ameliorate the effects of perceived interservice squabbling. Despite warnings found in the legislative history of Goldwater-Nichols and elsewhere, **enormous power was concentrated in the hands of a single, unelected official.** [54] **Unfortunately, Congress presumed that principled people would always occupy the office.** [55] No one expected a General Brutus would arise.

The Military Plenipotentiary was not Congress's only structural change in military governance. By 2007 the services were combined to form the Unified Armed Forces. Recall that when we graduated from the War College greater unification was being seriously suggested as an economy measure. [56] Eventually that consideration, and the conviction that "jointness" was an unqualified military virtue, [57] led to unification. But unification ended the creative tension between the services. [58] Besides rejecting the operational logic of separate services, [59] no one seemed to recognize the checks-and-balances function that service separatism provided a democracy obliged to maintain a large, professional military establishment. The Founding Fathers knew the importance of checks and balances in controlling the agencies of government: "Ambition must be made to counteract ambition... Experience has taught mankind the necessity of auxiliary controls...[including] supplying opposite and rival interests." [60]

*[Note by Editor: The 'Unified Armed Forces' mentioned by Dunlap would appear to be in place **already** according to the Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms, published by the US Department of Defense 2005:*

“...the policies, principles, doctrines, and functions governing the activities and performance of the Armed Forces of the United States when two or more Military Departments or Service elements thereof are acting together. Also called UNAAF.”

UNAAF has been defined as follows: “Unity of command means all forces operate under a single commander with the requisite authority to direct all forces employed in pursuit of a common purpose.”

The various Executive Orders signed by President Obama would appear to confer all necessary legislative power on the President to control and direct all elements of the Armed Forces of the United States.

According to Wikipedia,“...the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff...is currently the highest ranking military officer in all of the United States Armed Forces.”]

Ambition is a natural trait of military organizations and their leaders. [61] Whatever might have been the inefficiencies of separate military services, their very existence served to counteract the untoward desires of any single service. The roles and missions debates and other arguments, once seen as petty military infighting, also provided an invaluable forum for competitive analysis of military doctrine. Additionally, they served to ensure that unscrupulous designs by a segment of the military establishment were ruthlessly exposed. Once the services were unified, the impetus to do so vanished, and the authority of the military in relation to the other institutions of government rose. [62] Distended by its pervasive new duties, monolithic militarism came to dominate the Darwinian political environment of 21st-century America.

Why did the uniformed leadership of our day acquiesce to this transformation of the military? Much of the answer can be traced to the budget showdowns of the early 1990s. **The collapse of the Soviet Union left the US military without an easily articulated rationale for large defense budgets.** Billions in cuts were sought. Journalist Bruce Auster put it bluntly: "Winning a share of the budget wars...require[s] that the military find new missions for a post-Cold War world that is devoid of clear military threats." [63] Capitulating, military leaders embraced formerly disdained assignments. As one commentator cynically observed, "the services are eager to talk up nontraditional, budget-justifying roles." [64] The Vietnam-era aphorism, "It's a lousy war, but it's the only one we've got," was resuscitated.

Still, that doesn't completely explain why in 2012 the military leadership would succumb to a coup. To answer that question fully requires examination of what was happening to the officer corps as the military drew down in the 1980s and 1990s. Ever since large peacetime military establishments became permanent features after World War II, the great leveler of the officer corps was the constant influx of officers from the Reserve Officers Training Corps program. The product of diverse colleges and universities throughout the United States, these officers were a vital source of liberalism in the military services. [65]

By the late 1980s and early 1990s, however, that was changing. Force reductions decreased the number of ROTC graduates the services accepted. [66] Although General Powell called ROTC "vital to democracy," 62 ROTC programs were closed in 1991 and another 350 were considered for closure. [67] The numbers of officers produced by the service academies also fell, but at a significantly slower pace. Consequently, the *proportion* of academy graduates in the officer corps climbed. [68] Academy graduates, along with graduates of such military schools as the Citadel, Virginia Military Institute, and Norwich University, tended to feel a greater homogeneity of outlook than, say, the pool of ROTC graduates at large, with the result that as the proportion of such graduates grew, diversity of outlook overall diminished to some degree.

Moreover, the ROTC officers that did remain increasingly came from a narrower range of schools. Focusing on the military's policy to exclude homosexuals from service, advocates of "political correctness" succeeded in driving ROTC from the campuses of some of our best universities. [69] In many instances they also prevailed in barring military recruiters from campus. [70] **Little thought was given the long-term consequences of limiting the pool from which our military leadership was drawn. The result was a much more uniformly oriented military elite whose outlook was progressively conservative.**

Furthermore, well-meaning attempts at improving service life led to the unintended insularity of military society, representing a return to the cloistered life of the pre-World War II armed forces. Military bases, complete with schools, churches, stores, child care centers, and recreational areas, became never-to-be-left islands of tranquillity removed from the chaotic, crime-ridden environment outside the gates. [71] As one reporter put it in 1991: "Increasingly isolated from mainstream America, today's troops tend to view the civilian world with suspicion and sometimes hostility." [72] Thus, a physically isolated and intellectually alienated officer corps was paired with an enlisted force likewise distanced from the society it was supposed to serve. In short, the military evolved into a force susceptible to manipulation by an authoritarian leader from its own select ranks.

What made this all the more disheartening was the wretched performance of our forces in the Second Gulf War. [73] Consumed with ancillary and nontraditional missions, the military neglected its fundamental *raison d'être*. As the Supreme Court succinctly put it more than a half century ago, the "primary business of armies and navies [is] to fight or be ready to fight wars should the occasion arise." [74] When Iranian armies started pouring into the lower Gulf states in 2010, the US armed forces were ready to do anything but fight.

Preoccupation with humanitarian duties, narcotics interdiction, and all the rest of the peripheral missions left the military unfit to engage an authentic military opponent. Performing the new missions sapped resources from what most experts agree was one of the vital ingredients to victory in the First Gulf War: training. Training is, quite literally, a zero-sum game. Each moment spent performing a nontraditional mission is one unavailable for orthodox military exercises. We should have recognized the grave risk. In 1991 *The Washington Post* reported that in "interview after interview across the services, senior leaders and noncommissioned officers stressed that they cannot be ready to fight without frequent rehearsals of perishable skills." [75]

The military's anti-drug activities were a big part of the problem. Oh sure, I remember the facile claims of exponents of the military's counternarcotics involvement as to what "valuable" training it provided. [76] Did anyone really think that crew members of an AWACS – an aircraft designed to track high-performance military aircraft in combat – significantly improved their skills by hours of tracking slow-moving light planes? Did they seriously imagine that troops enhanced combat skills by looking for marijuana under car seats? Did they truly believe that crews of the Navy's sophisticated anti-air and anti-submarine ships received meaningful training by following lumbering trawlers around the Caribbean? [77] Tragically, they did.

The problem was exacerbated when political pressures exempted the Guard and the Reserves from the harshest effects of the budgetary cutbacks of the early 1990s. [78] The First Gulf War demonstrated that modern weapons and tactics were simply too complex for part-time soldiers to master during their allotted drill periods, however well motivated. [79] Still, creative Guard and Reserve defenders contrived numerous civic-action and humanitarian assignments and sold them as "training." Left unexplained was how such training was supposed to fit with military strategies that contemplated short, violent, come-as-you-are expeditionary wars.[80] Nice-to-have Guard and Reserve support-oriented programs prevailed at the expense of critical active-duty *combat* capabilities. [81]

Perhaps even more damaging than the diversion of resources was the assault on the very ethos of military service. Rather than bearing in mind the Supreme Court's admonition to focus on warfighting, the military was told to alter its purpose. Former Secretary of State James Baker typified the trendy new tone in remarks about the military's airlift of food and medicine to the former Soviet republics in early 1992. He said the airlift would "vividly show the peoples of the former Soviet Union that those that once prepared for war with them now have the courage and the conviction to use their militaries to say, 'We will wage a new peace.'" [82]

In truth militaries ought to "prepare for war" and leave the "peace waging" to those agencies of government whose mission is just that. Nevertheless, such pronouncements – seconded by military leaders [83] – became the fashionable philosophy. The result? People in the military no longer considered themselves warriors. Instead, they perceived themselves as policemen, relief workers, educators, builders, health care providers, politicians – everything but warfighters. When these philanthropists met the Iranian 10th Armored Corps near Daharan during the Second Gulf War, they were brutally slaughtered by a military which had not forgotten what militaries were supposed to do or what war is really all about.

The devastation of the military's martial spirit was exemplified by its involvement in police activities. Inexplicably, we ignored the deleterious effect on combat motivation suffered by the Israeli Defense Forces as a result of their efforts to police the West Bank and Gaza. [84] Few seemed to appreciate the fundamental difference between the police profession and the profession of arms. As Richard J. Barnet observed in *The New Yorker*, "The line between police action and a military operation is real. Police derive their power from their acceptance as 'officers of the law'; legitimate authority, not firepower, is the essential element." [85]

Police organizations are understandably oriented toward the studied restraint necessary for the end sought: a judicial conviction. As one Drug Enforcement Administration agent noted: "The military can kill people better than we can [but] when we go to a jungle lab, we're not there to move onto the target by fire and maneuver to destroy the enemy. We're there to arrest suspects and seize evidence." [86] If military forces are inculcated with the same spirit of restraint, combat performance is threatened. [87] Moreover, law enforcement is also not just a form of low-intensity conflict. In low-intensity conflict, the military aim is to win the will of the people, a virtually impossible task with criminals "motivated by money, not ideology." [88]

Humanitarian missions likewise undermined the military's sense of itself. As one Navy officer gushed during the 1991 Bangladesh relief operation, "It's great to be here doing the opposite of a soldier." [89] While no true soldier relishes war, the fact remains that the essence of the military is warfighting and preparation for the same. What journalist Barton Gellman has said of the Army can be extrapolated to the military as a whole: it is an "organization whose fighting spirit depends...heavily on tradition." [90] If that tradition becomes imbued with a preference for "doing the opposite of a soldier," fighting spirit is bound to suffer. When we first heard editorial calls to "pacify the military" by involving it in civic projects, [91] we should have given them the forceful rebuke they deserved.

Military analyst Harry Summers warned back in '91 that when militaries lose sight of their purpose, catastrophe results. Citing a study of pre-World War II Canadian military policy as it related to the subsequent battlefield disasters, he observed that instead of using the peacetime interregnum to hone their military skills, senior Canadian military officers sought out civilian missions to justify their existence. When war came they were woefully unprepared. Instead of protecting their soldiers' lives they led them to their deaths. In today's post-Cold War peacetime environment, this trap again looms large...Some today within the US military are also searching for relevance, with draft doctrinal manuals giving touchy-feely prewar and postwar civil operations equal weight with warfighting. This is an insidious mistake. [92]

We must remember that America's position at the end of the Cold War had no historical precedent. For the first time the nation – in peacetime – found itself with a still-sizable, professional military establishment that was not preoccupied with an overarching external threat. [93] Yet the uncertainties in the aftermath of the Cold War limited the extent to which those forces could be safely downsized. When the military was then obliged to engage in a bewildering array of nontraditional duties to further justify its existence, it is little wonder that its traditional apolitical professionalism eventually eroded.

Clearly, the curious tapestry of military authoritarianism and combat ineffectiveness that we see today was not yet woven in 1992. But the threads were there. Knowing what I know now, here's the advice I would have given the War College Class of 1992 had I been their graduation speaker:

- *Demand that the armed forces focus exclusively on indisputably military duties.* We must not diffuse our energies away from our fundamental responsibility for warfighting. To send ill-trained troops into combat makes us accomplices to murder.
- *Acknowledge that national security does have economic, social, educational, and environmental dimensions, but insist that this doesn't necessarily mean the problems in those areas are the responsibility of the military to correct.* Stylishly designating efforts to solve national ills as "wars" doesn't convert them into something appropriate for the employment of military forces.
- *Readily cede budgetary resources to those agencies whose business it is to address the non-military issues the armed forces are presently asked to fix.* We are not the DEA, EPA, Peace Corps, Department of Education, or Red Cross – nor should we be. It has never been easy to give up resources, but in the long term we – and the nation – will be better served by a smaller but appropriately focused military.
- *Divest the defense budget of perception-skewing expenses.* Narcotics interdiction, environmental cleanup, humanitarian relief, and other costs tangential to actual combat capability should be assigned to the budgets of DEA, EPA, State, and so forth. As long as these expensive programs are hidden in the defense budget, the taxpayer understandably – but mistakenly – will continue to believe he's buying military readiness.
- *Continue to press for the elimination of superfluous, resource-draining Guard and Reserve units.* Increase the training tempo, responsibilities, and compensation of those that remain.
- *Educate the public to the sophisticated training requirements occasioned by the complexities of modern warfare.* It's imperative we rid the public of the misperception that soldiers in peacetime are essentially unemployed and therefore free to assume new missions. [94]
- *Resist unification of the services not only on operational grounds, but also because unification would be inimical to the checks and balances that underpin democratic government.* Slow the pace of fiscally driven consolidation so that the impact on less quantifiable aspects of military effectiveness can be scrutinized.
- *Assure that officer accessions from the service academies correspond with overall force reductions (but maintain separate service academies) and keep ROTC on a wide diversity of campuses.* If necessary, resort to litigation to maintain ROTC campus diversity.
- *Orient recruiting resources and campaigns toward ensuring that all echelons of society are represented in the military, without compromising standards.* [95] *Accept that this kind of recruiting may increase costs. It's worth it.*

- *Work to moderate the base-as-an-island syndrome by providing improved incentives for military members and families to assimilate into civilian communities.* Within the information programs for our force of all-volunteer professionals (increasingly US-based), strengthen the emphasis upon such themes as the inviolability of the Constitution, ascendancy of our civilian leadership over the military, and citizens' responsibilities.

Finally, I would tell our classmates that democracy is a fragile institution that must be continuously nurtured and scrupulously protected. I would also tell them that they must speak out when they see the institution threatened; indeed, it is their duty to do so. Richard Gabriel aptly observed in his book *To Serve with Honor* that when one discusses dissent, loyalty, and the limits of military obligations, the central problem is that the military represents a threat to civil order not because it will usurp authority, but because it does not speak out on critical policy decisions. The soldier fails to live up to his oath to serve the country if he does not speak out when he sees his civilian or military superiors executing policies he feels to be wrong. [96]

Gabriel was wrong when he dismissed the military's potential to threaten civil order, but he was right when he described our responsibilities. The catastrophe that occurred on our watch took place because we failed to speak out against policies we knew were wrong. It's too late for me to do any more. But it's not for you.

**Best regards,
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NOTES

1. The Twenty-fifth Amendment to the Constitution provides that in the case of "death...the Vice President shall become the President." But Section 1 of Article II requires the taking of the oath before "enter[ing] the Execution of his Office."
2. Daniel J. Boorstin, "History's Hidden Turning Points," *U.S. News & World Report*, 22 April 1991, p. 52.
3. Oliver Stone's movie, *JFK*, is one example. See Joel Achenbach, "JFK Conspiracy: Myth vs. Facts," *The Washington Post*, 28 February 1992, p. C5.
4. See Len Colodny and Robert Gettlin, *Silent Coup* (New York: St. Martin's, 1991).
5. George Washington in his "Farewell Address" dated 19 September 1796 counseled: "Overgrown military establishments...under any form of government are inauspicious to liberty and...are to be regarded as particularly hostile to republican liberty." As quoted in *The Annals of America* (Chicago: Encyclopedia Britannica, 1976), p. 609.

6. Author Geoffrey Perret expressed the traditional view as follows: "The antimilitaristic side of the American character is forever on guard. Americans are so suspicious of military ambition that even when the armed forces win wars they are criticized as robustly as if they had lost them." *A Country Made By War* (New York: Vintage, 1989), p. 560.
7. Andrew C. Janos, "The Seizure of Power: A Study of Force and Popular Consent," Research Monograph No. 16, Center for International Studies, Princeton University, 1964, p. 39.
8. Mark S. Hoffman, ed., *The World Almanac & Book of Facts 1991* (New York: Pharo Books, 1990), p. 426; Royce Crocker, *Voter Registration and Turnout 1948-1988*, Library of Congress, Congressional Research Service Report No. 89-179 (Washington: LOC, 1989), p. 11.
9. E. J. Dionne, Jr., "Altered States: The Union & the Campaign," *The Washington Post*, 26 January 1992, p. C1. Fordham University researcher Marc Miringoff reports that the Index of Social Indicators fell to its lowest point in 20 years. He describes the Index, which is an amalgamation of social and economic data from government sources, as "sort of a Dow Jones of the national soul." See Paul Taylor, "'Dow Jones of the National Soul' Sours," *The Washington Post*, 16 January 1992, p. A25. The nation's frustration was the cause, according to columnist George F. Will, of a rising level of collective "national stress." George F. Will, "Stressed Out in America," *The Washington Post*, 16 January 1992, p. A27. See also Charles Krauthammer, "America's Case of the Sulks," *The Washington Post*, 19 January 1992, p. C7.
10. A 1989 Harris poll revealed that 53% of Americans believed that Congress was not effectively fulfilling its responsibilities. See Robert R. Ivany, "Soldiers and Legislators: Common Mission," *Parameters*, 21 (Spring 1991), 47.
11. Mortimer B. Zuckerman, "Behind Our Loss of Faith," *U.S. News & World Report*, 16 March 1992, p. 76. Many believed that democracy's promise didn't include them. Ninety-one percent of Americans reported that the "group with too little influence in government is people like themselves." See "Harper's Index," *Harper's Magazine*, January 1991, p. 17.
12. David Finkle, "The Greatest Democracy on Earth," *The Washington Post Magazine*, 16 February 1992, p. 16. Forty-three percent of those who failed to vote didn't see any important differences between the two major parties. See "Harper's Index," *Harper's Magazine*, March 1992, p. 13. One in eight Americans was so pessimistic as to conclude that the country's domestic problems were "beyond solving." "Harper's Index," *Harper's Magazine*, October 1991, p. 15.

13. A ten-year rise in public confidence was reported by Tom Morganthau, et al., in "The Military's New Image," *Newsweek*, 11 March 1991, p. 50.

14. Michael Satchell, et al., "The Military's New Stars," *U.S. News & World Report*, 18 April 1988, p. 33.

15. A survey of 163 new Army brigadier generals revealed that their IQ was in the 92nd percentile of the population. See Bruce W. Nelan, "Revolution in Defense," *Time*, 18 March 1991, p. 25. In many instances the curricula vitae of military personnel was more impressive than that of their civilian counterparts. For example, over 88% of brigadier generals had an advanced degree compared with 19% of top civilian business leaders. See David Gergen, "America's New Heroes," *U.S. News & World Report*, 11 February 1991, p. 76. Similarly, 97% of enlisted personnel were high school graduates, the highest percentage ever. See Grant Willis, "DoD: Recruits in '91 Best Educated, Most Qualified," *Air Force Times*, 27 January 1992, p. 14. The services "had become practically a drug-free workplace." See David Gergen, "Bringing Home the Storm," *The Washington Post*, 28 April 1991, p. C2. Military sociologist Charles Moskos explained that the reason for the great decline in disciplinary problems is "simply better recruits." Peter Slavin, "Telling It Like It Is," *Air Force Times*, 14 March 1988, p. 60.

16. Ivany, 47; David Gergen, "America's New Heroes," p. 76; Grant Willis, "A New Generation of Warriors," *Navy Times*, 16 March 1991, p. 12.

17. 408 U.S. 1, 17 (1972).

18. At least one observer sensed the peril which arises when power and respect converge in the military: "Our warriors are kinder and gentler, and have not shown the slightest inclination to lust for political power. But that potential always lurks where power and respect converge, and the degree of military influence in society is something to watch carefully in the years ahead." Martin Anderson, "The Benefits of the Warrior Class," *The Baltimore Sun*, 14 April 1991, p. 3F.

19. James Fallows, "Military Efficiency," *Atlantic*, August 1991, p. 18.

20. Civilian law enforcement agencies were intercepting only 15% of the drugs entering the country. See *U.S. Code Congressional & Administrative News* (St. Paul: West, 1981), p. 1785; Public Law 97-86 (1981) codified in 10 U.S.C. 371 et seq.

21. *Newsweek* reports: "The Pentagon resisted the [counternarcotics] mission for decades, saying that the military should fight threats to national security, and the police should fight crime." Charles Lane, "The Newest War," *Newsweek*, 6 January 1992, p. 18. See also *U.S. Code Congressional & Administrative News* (St. Paul: West, 1981), p. 1785.

22. The original purpose of the Posse Comitatus Act (10 U.S.C. 1385) was to restrain Federal troops who had become deeply involved in law enforcement in the post-Civil War South – even in areas where civil government had been reestablished. See *U.S. v. Hartley*, 486 F.Supp. 1348, 1356 fn. 11 (M.D.Fla. 1980). The statute imposes criminal penalties for the improper uses of the military in domestic law enforcement matters. See *U.S. Code Congressional & Administrative News* (St. Paul: West, 1981), p. 1786.
23. Additional amendments were added in 1988. See Public Law 100-456 (1988).
24. Although anti-drug spending will decrease in FY 93, the rate of decline is slower than that of the DOD budget as a whole. William Matthews, "Counternarcotics Request Increased," *Air Force Times*, 24 February 1992, p. 2. See also Lane, "Newest War," p. 18.
25. "Combatting Drugs," *National Military Strategy of the United States* (Washington: GPO, 1992), p. 15.
26. Some were suggesting the need for greater military authority in 1992. See Dale E. Brown, "Drugs on the Border: The Role of the Military," *Parameters*, 21 (Winter 1991-92), 58-59.
27. The rise in the rate of violent crime continued a trend begun in the 1980s when such offenses soared by 23%. See John W. Wright, ed., "Crime and Punishment," *The Universal Almanac 1992* (Kansas City: Andrews and McMeel, 1991), p. 255.
28. "Harper's Index," *Harper's Magazine*, July 1991, p. 15.
29. George Will observed that "urban governments are failing to perform their primary function of protecting people from violence on streets and even in homes and schools." George F. Will, "Stressed Out in America," p. A27.
30. Using Guardsmen in a law enforcement capacity during riots and other emergencies was not unusual, but a regular presence in a civilian community in that role was unusual in those days. Guard members usually performed law enforcement activities in their status as state employees. This is distinct from their federalized status when they are incorporated into the US military. See *U.S. Code Congressional & Administrative News* (St. Paul: West, 1988), p. 2583; and K. R. Clark, "Spotlighting the Drug Zone," *Pentagram*, 30 January 1992, pp. 20-21.
31. Indeed, one of the specific purposes of the DC program was to "work with police to increase the uniformed presence in the neighborhood at night to cut down on illegal activity." See Clark p. 21.
32. For example, persons over the age of 65 vote at a rate 50% higher than that of the 18-34 age group. See George F. Will, "Stressed Out in America," p. A27.

33. The number of baby boomers in the population is expected to peak in 2020. See Marvin J. Cetron and Owen Davies, "Trends Shaping the World," *The Futurist*, September-October 1991, p. 12. Persons over 65 were estimated to constitute 18% of the electorate by 2010. This group, together with the boomers over 45 years, would constitute 53% of the electorate by 2010. These percentages were computed from statistics found in the *Universal Almanac 1992*, "The U.S. Population by Age," John W. Wright, ed. (Kansas City: Andrews and McMeel, 1991), p. 207.
34. Deidre Fanning, "Waiting for the Wealth," *Worth*, February/March 1992, pp. 87, 89.
35. A 1990 poll of Americans aged 50 years and older showed that nearly 23% believed that use of the military was the best way to combat the growing problems of drug abuse and crime. See Mark S. Hoffman, ed., *The World Almanac & Book of Facts 1991* (New York: Pharos Books, 1990), p. 33.
36. "Plan to Open Veterans Hospitals to Poor is Dropped," *The New York Times*, 23 February 1992, p. 17.
37. Scott Shuger, "Pacify the Military," *The New York Times*, 14 March 1992, p. 25.
38. Andy Tobias, "Let's Get Moving!" *Time*, 3 February 1992, p. 41.
39. *U.S. News & World Report* noted that "a third of the officers leaving the Army are qualified to teach high school math, and 10 to 20 percent can teach physics." David Gergen, "Heroes For Hire," *U.S. News & World Report*, 27 January 1992, p. 71.
40. For example, a District of Columbia National Guard unit entered into a "Partnership in Education" agreement with a local school district. Under the memorandum the Guard agreed to "institute a cooperative learning center providing tutoring in science, English, mathematics, and other basic subjects." See "Guard Enters Partnership with School," *Pentagram*, 13 February 1992, p. 3. For another example, see "Arlington Schools Join Forces with Defense Department Agency," *The Washington Post*, 12 December 1991, p. Va. 1.
41. The DOD budget for environmental cleanup for FY 93 was \$3.7 billion. Anne Garfinkle, "Going Home is Hard to Do," *The Wall Street Journal*, 27 January 1992, p. 12. See also Peter Grier, "US Defense Department Declares War on Colossal Pollution Problem," *The Christian Science Monitor*, 2 March 1992, p. 9. The Army, at least, saw this activity as a "vital mission" as early as 1991. The *National Journal* reported: "Outside the Storm, a pamphlet heralding the Army's post-Persian Gulf war 'vital missions and important work' touches on the war on drugs and 'protecting the planet Earth' (even reprinting a syrupy ode to environmentalism from the 1989 Sierra Club Wilderness Calendar)." David C. Morrison, "Operation Kinder and Gentler," *National Journal*, 25 May 1991, p. 1260.

42. In February 1992 Trans World Airlines became the eighth major airline to go bankrupt since 1989. Martha M. Hamilton, "Trans World Airlines Files for Bankruptcy," *The Washington Post*, 1 February 1992, p. C2. By 1992 US-flagged commercial shipping had virtually disappeared. See James Bovard, "The Antiquated 1920 Jones Act Slowly Sinks U.S. Shipping," *Insight*, 6 January 1992, p. 21. In the wake of Desert Storm, \$3.1 billion was spent to build and convert ships for the military's cargo fleet. Michael Blood, "An Idea to Use Shipyard as a U.S. Sealift Base," *Philadelphia Inquirer*, 16 February 1992, p. B-1. The precedent for "leasing" military resources can be traced to 1992. Just such an arrangement occurred in Germany following reunification: "A shortage of German [air] controllers and their unfamiliarity with newly reunified Berlin's busy skies prompted Germany to hire a squadron from the US Air Force at a cost of \$35 million for four years. . . . It is the only US military unit that guides civilian air traffic on foreign soil." Soraya S. Nelson, "AF Controllers in Berlin Keep Eye on Civilian Sky," *Air Force Times*, 10 February 1992, p. 22.

43. See, e.g., Helen Dewar, "Nunn Urges Military Shift: Forces Would Aid Domestic Programs," *The Washington Post*, 24 June 1992, p. A17; Rick Maze, "Nunn Urges Military to Take Domestic Missions," *Army Times*, 21 September 1992, p. 16; Mary Jordan, "Bush Orders U.S. Military to Aid Florida," *The Washington Post*, 28 August 1992, p. A1; George C. Wilson, "Disaster Plan: Give Military the Relief Role," *Army Times*, 21 September 1992, p. 33; and Rick Maze, "Pentagon May Get Disaster-relief Role Back," *Army Times*, 21 September 1992, p. 26. See also note 64.

44. See Shuger, p. 25. Similarly, noting the growing obsolescence of the Guard's combat role, a National Guard officer proposed an alternative: "The National Guard can provide a much greater service to the nation by seeking more combat support and combat service support missions and the structure to support them. Such units can participate in nation building or assistance missions throughout the world, to include the United States. . . . Much of our national infrastructure, streets, bridges, health care, water and sewer lines, to name just a few, particularly in the inner cities of the United States, are in disrepair. Many of the necessary repairs could be accomplished by National guard units on a year-round training basis." Colonel Philip Drew, "Taking the National Guard Out of Combat," *National Guard*, April 1991, p. 38. Also jumping on the bandwagon are National Guard officers Colonel Philip A. Brehm and Major Wilbur E. Gray in "Alternative Missions for the Army," SSI Study, Strategic Studies Institute, USAWC, 17 July 1992.

45. Eric Schmitt, "U.S. Forces Find Work As Angels Of Mercy," *The New York Times*, 12 January 1992, p. E3.

46. See the legislative history of Public Law 99-661, *U.S. Code Congressional & Administrative News* (St. Paul: West, 1986) p. 6482. Public Law 99-661 codified in 10 U.S.C. 401 et seq.

47. Ken Adelman, "Military Helping Hands," *Washington Times*, 8 July 1991, p. D3; Bruce B. Auster with Robin Knight, "The Pentagon Scramble to Stay Relevant," *U.S. News & World Report*, 30 December 1991/6 January 1992, p. 52.

48. It was predicted that the AIDS epidemic would hit Africa especially hard with infection rates in some cities as high as 40% by the year 2000. See Marvin J. Cetron and Owen Davies, "Trends Shaping the World," *The Futurist*, September-October 1991, p. 12. Some experts have predicted that African famine might present a requirement for a military humanitarian mission (Weiss and Campbell, pp. 451-52). See also Richard H. P. Sia, "U.S. Increasing Its Special Forces Activity in Africa," *The Baltimore Sun*, 15 March 1992, p. 1. Long-term military commitments to humanitarian operations have been recommended by some experts (Weiss and Campbell, p. 457).

49. US troops assigned to African countries in the early 1990s were tasked to "help improve local health-care and economic conditions." See Sia, p. 1. Similarly, the notion of using the expertise of US military personnel to perform governmental functions in foreign countries was also suggested in the 1990s. For example, when the food distribution system in the former Soviet Union broke down during the winter of 1991-92, there were calls for Lieutenant General Gus Pagonis, the logistical wizard of the First Gulf War, to be dispatched to take charge of the system. See "A Man Who Knows How," editorial, *The Los Angeles Times*, 5 February 1992, p. 10.

50. As quoted in *Dictionary of Military and Naval Quotations*, Robert Debs Heinl, Jr., ed. (Annapolis: US Naval Institute, 1966), p. 245.

51. Public Law 99-433 (1986). Under the Goldwater-Nichols Defense Reorganization Act, the Chairman of the JCS was given much broader powers. Not only is he now the primary military advisor to the President, he is also responsible for furnishing strategic direction to the armed forces, strategic and contingency planning, establishing budget priorities, and developing joint doctrine for all four services. Edward Luttwak and Stuart L. Koehl, eds., *The Dictionary of Modern War* (New York: Harper Collins, 1991), p. 320. The law also mandated that joint duty be a requirement for promotion to flag rank. See Vincent Davis, "Defense Reorganization and National Security," *The Annals of the American Academy of Political Science*, September 1991, pp. 163-65. This facilitated development of senior military cliques which transcended service lines.

52. Many praised Goldwater-Nichols as the source of success in the Gulf War. See, e.g., "Persian Gulf War's Unsung Hero," editorial, Charleston, S.C., *News & Courier*, 4 April 1991, p. 6. See also Sam Nunn, "Military Reform Paved Way for Gulf Triumph," *Atlanta Constitution*, 31 March 1991, p. G5. But the Gulf War was not a true test of either Goldwater-Nichols or joint warfare. About all that conflict demonstrated was that poorly trained and miserably led conscript armies left unprotected from air attack cannot hold terrain in the face of a modern ground assault.

53. One study concluded that because of Powell's background he was "especially well qualified" for the politically sensitive role as CJCS. See Preston Niblock, ed., *Managing Military Operations in Crises* (Santa Monica: RAND, 1991), p. 51.

54. Representative Denton stated as to Goldwater-Nichols: "This legislation proposes to reverse 200 years of American history by, for the first time, designating by statute...a single uniformed officer as the "Principal Military Advisor" to the President. That change in the role of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is profound in its implications. Similar proposals have been specifically and overwhelmingly rejected in the past – in 1947, 1949, 1958 – on the grounds that, in a democracy, no single military officer, no matter what his personal qualifications, should have such power." *U.S. Code Congressional & Administrative News* (St. Paul, Minn.: West, 1986), p. 2248. See also Robert Previdi, *Civilian Control versus Military Rule* (New York: Hippocrene Books, 1988).

55. In *The Federalist No. 51* the Founding Fathers warned against the folly of constructing a governmental system based on assumptions about the good character of individuals who might occupy an office.

56. William Matthews, "Nunn: Merge the Services?" *Air Force Times*, 9 March 1992, p. 6.

57. This belief was enshrined in Joint Pub 1, *Joint Warfare of the United States* (Washington: Office of the JCS, 11 November 1991). It states (p. iii) that "joint warfare is essential to victory." While joint warfare might usually be essential to victory, it cannot be said that it is essential in every instance. For example, rebels –composed entirely of irregular infantry – defeated massive Soviet combined-arms forces in Afghanistan. Equipped only with light arms, Stinger missiles, and light antiaircraft guns, they triumphed without benefit of any air or naval forces, and indeed without unity among themselves. Furthermore, even in the case of Western nations, there are likely to be plenty of hostilities involving single-service air or naval campaigns.

58. Former Secretary of the Navy John Lehman described the value of this creative tension in discussing his criticism of the "unified" Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff occasioned by Goldwater-Nichols. According to Lehman: "Franklin Roosevelt . . . wanted to hear Admiral King argue with Marshall in front of him. He wanted to hear MacArthur argue against Nimitz, and the Air Corps against the Army, and the Navy against all in his presence, so that he would have the option to make the decisions of major strategy in war. He knew that any political leader, no matter how strong, if given only one military position, finds it nearly impossible to go against it. Unfortunately . . . now the president does not get to hear arguments from differing points of view." John Lehman, "U.S. Defense Policy Options: The 1990s and Beyond," *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, September 1991, pp. 199-200.

59. See, e.g., Arthur C. Forster, Jr., "The Essential Need for An Independent Air Force," *Air Force Times*, 7 May 1990, p. 25.

60. Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and John Jay, *The Federalist*, as reprinted in the *Great Books of the Western World*, Robert M. Hutchins, ed. (Chicago: Encyclopedia Britannica, 1952), XLIII, 163.

61. Shakespeare called ambition "the soldier's virtue." *Antony and Cleopatra*, Act III, Scene 1, as reprinted in the *Great Books of the Western World*, Robert M. Hutchins, ed. (Chicago: Encyclopedia Britannica, 1952), XXVII, 327.

62. Samuel P. Huntington, *The Soldier and the State* (Cambridge: Harvard Univ. Press, 1959), p. 87, said "If the officer corps is originally divided into land, sea, and air elements, and then is unified under the leadership of a single, overall staff and military commander in chief, this change will tend to increase its authority with regard to other institutions of government. It will speak with one voice instead of three. Other groups will not be able to play off one of the officer corps against another."

63. Bruce B. Auster with Robin Knight, "The Pentagon Scramble to Stay Relevant," *U.S. News & World Report*, 30 December 1991/6 January 1992, p. 52. Despite the Gulf War, defense outlays were scheduled by 1997 to shrink to their lowest percentage of the federal budget since the end of World War II. Sara Collins, "Cutting Up the Military," *U.S. News & World Report*, 10 February 1992, p. 29. See also John Lancaster, "Aspin Seeks to Double Bush's Defense Cuts," *The Washington Post*, 27 February 1992, p. A16; and Helen Dewar, "Bush, Mitchell Take Aim at Slashing the Defense Budget," *The Washington Post*, 17 January 1992, p. B1.

64. Morrison, "Operation Kinder and Gentler," p. 1260. Most revealing, on 1-2 December 1992, the National Defense University at Fort McNair in Washington, D.C., hosted a symposium titled "Non-Traditional Roles for the U.S. Military in the Post-Cold War Era," featuring presentations on disaster relief, refugee evacuation, humanitarian medical care, engineering assistance to infrastructure and environment, counternarcotics, riot control, emergency preparedness, civil unrest, national assistance, etc.

65. Military analyst Harry Summers insists that ROTC is a key reason military coups have not occurred in the United States as they have in other countries. He notes: "ROTC was designed to produce a well-rounded officer corps inculcated with the principles of freedom, democracy, and American values through close contact with civilian students on an open college campus, and through a liberal education taught by a primarily civilian academic faculty. And that's just what has happened." Harry Summers, "Stalking the Wrong Quarry," *Washington Times*, 7 December 1989, p. F-3.

66. The Army plans to cut ROTC officer acquisitions from 7,778 in 1990 to 5,200 in 1995. See Peter Copeland, "ROTC More Selective in Post-Cold War Era," *Washington Times*, 27 May 1991, p. 3.

67. David Wood, "A Breed Apart, Volunteer Army Grows Distant from Society," *The Star Ledger* (Newark, N.J.), 24 April 1991, p. 1.

68. The armed services will shrink at least 25% by 1995. Richard Cheney, "U.S. Defense Strategy for An Era of Uncertainty," *International Defense Review*, 1992, p. 7. But service academy graduates are expected to decline by only 10% during the same period. Eric Schmitt, "Service Academies Grapple With Cold War Thaw," *The New York Times*, 3 March 1992, p. 12. Just after the Vietnam War, West Point was supplying about 8% of new Army officers, compared to the current 24%, a new study by the congressional General Accounting Office (GAO) suggests. To roll back the officer stream from West Point, the GAO says, enrollment might have to be limited to 2,500 cadets, a 40% drop from today. Larry Gordon, "Changing Cadence at West Point," *Los Angeles Times*, 25 March 1992, p. 1.

69. See, e.g., Tom Philip, "CSUS May End ROTC Over Anti-Gay Policy," *Sacramento Bee*, 15 February 1992, p. 1.

70. As of November 1991, 89 law schools prohibit or restrict on-campus military recruiting. See "Sexual Preference Issue," *HQ USAF/JAX Professional Development Update*, November 1991, p. 9. Such bans are not legal in most cases. See 10 U.S.C. 2358; and *U.S. v. City of Philadelphia*, 798 F.2d 81 (3d Cir. 1986). Furthermore, by condoning the exclusion of military recruiters from campuses – billed as "marketplaces of ideas" – these universities legitimized censorship of "politically incorrect" views.

71. An article by journalist David Wood grasped this trend. He quoted an Army officer as stating, "We are isolated – we don't have a lot of exposure to the outside world." Wood goes on to observe: "The nation's 2 million active duty soldiers are a self-contained society, one with its own solemn rituals, its own language, its own system of justice, and even its own system of keeping time. . . . Only a decade ago, life within the confines of a military base might have seemed a spartan existence. But improving the garrison life has been a high priority. As a result, many bases have come to resemble an ideal of small-town America. . . . There is virtually no crime or poverty. Drug addicts and homeless are mere rumors from the outside." David Wood, "Duty, Honor, Isolation: Military More and More a Force Unto Itself," *The Star-Ledger* (Newark, N.J.) 21 April 1991, p. 1. See also Laura Elliot, "Behind the Lines," *The Washingtonian*, April 1991, p. 160.

72. Wood, p. 1.

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The Great Pentecostal-Charismatic Error: Why Scripture does not allow True Believers to Invoke the Holy Spirit

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For over a hundred years many Christians have prayed directly to the Holy Spirit and called upon Him by name. The seeds of this major change in traditional Christian worship were sown in England in the 19th century and took firm root in America with the Azusa Street revival of 1906. This inaugurated what came to be known as the Pentecostal Church, which in turn spawned a number of off-shoots such as the Charismatic movement, the Latter Rain movement, the Vineyard movement, and so forth.

This paper is not specifically a critique of the Pentecostal Church but rather a study of a particular teaching found mostly in the Pentecostal-Charismatic tradition and, to a lesser degree, among a growing number of Bible-believing churches today. It is the doctrine that believers may address the Holy Spirit directly. This phenomenon is often associated in practice with the invocation or prayer, “Come, Holy Spirit!”



An obvious question that hardly anyone asks

The rationale behind the teaching can be summed up as follows:

The Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles at Pentecost and filled them with power which they were then able to use to speak in tongues and perform miracles. Since the same Holy Spirit works in the believer today, he too should be able to exercise the same gifts as the Apostles. After all, Christ said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to my Father” (John 14:12). Since the Holy Spirit was sent by the Father at the request of the Son – “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever” (John 14:16) – we should be able to address the Comforter (the Holy Spirit) and put our requests to Him just as the Apostles put their requests to Christ.

That’s the rationale, but is it sound? Is it scripturally correct to pray to, address or invoke the Holy Spirit?

Even though this ought to be a very obvious question, not many Christians seem to ask it. They simply assume that it is alright to do so and never bother to examine its scriptural basis. But if such prayer is not Biblical, then their entire relationship with God is built upon a faulty foundation.

Whom did Christ ask us to address in our prayers?

When his disciples asked him about prayer and how we should pray, Christ stated that we should address our prayers to our Father in heaven – “Our Father, who art in heaven...” (Matthew 6:9).

He also asked that, in addressing our Father, we should both venerate His holy name and seek His holy will:

“Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.” (Matthew 6:9-10)

He also confirmed that it is our Father who answers our prayers:

“But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.” (Matthew 6:6)

In light of these very plain instructions, why do so many Christians fail to obey the Word of God?

To whom did Christ pray?

At no stage in his ministry did Christ indicate that it was appropriate for us to address our prayers to the Holy Spirit. Scripture records several occasions where Christ withdrew for private prayer, yet it never states that he addressed his words to the Third Person of the Trinity.

Throughout his ministry, from beginning to end, Christ spoke only about his relationship with his Father and of his unfailing obedience to His holy will. Never once does scripture suggest that he sought specifically to please or to serve the Holy Spirit. Instead, we are given to understand that the Holy Spirit was serving and assisting Christ:

“For he whom God has sent speaks the words of God: for God gives not the Spirit by measure unto him.” (John 3:34)

In *Notes on the Bible*, Albert Barnes makes the following comment about this verse, and includes a further comment on the same verse by Matthew Henry:

For God giveth not the Spirit. The Spirit of God. Though Jesus was God as well as man, yet, as *Mediator*, God anointed him, or endowed him with the influences of his Spirit, so as to be completely qualified for his great work.

By measure. Not in a small degree, but fully, completely. The prophets were inspired on particular occasions to deliver special messages. The Messiah was continually filled with the Spirit of God. “The Spirit dwelt in him, not as a vessel, but as in a fountain, as in a bottomless ocean” (Henry).

The Word of God draws an analogy between the Holy Spirit and the “finger of God” in the following parallel verses:

“But if I with **the finger of God** cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.” (Luke 11:20)

“But if I cast out devils by **the Spirit of God**, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.” (Matthew 12:28)

As the finger of God, the Holy Spirit always points to Christ; He never points to Himself.

Shortly after his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Jesus prayed as follows:

“If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour. Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify your name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.” (John 12:26-28)

Later, in the Garden of Gethsemane, when his soul was deeply troubled, he prayed only to his Father:

“And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as You will...He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, Your will be done. And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.” (Matthew 26:39-44)

While on the cross, he addressed his Father as follows:

“Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.”
(Luke 23:34)

“And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.”
(Luke 23:46)

When he cried, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?” (Matthew 27:46), he was addressing God as both Father and Holy Spirit. This is the only way Christ ever addressed the Holy Spirit, as part of the Triune Godhead and never as a distinct Person.

In short, when asked how we should pray, Jesus said we should pray to our Father; and when he himself prayed aloud, he addressed only his Father and not the Holy Spirit. Does this not tell us something of great importance?

The Father replies to His Son

The disciples of Jesus heard the voice of the Father on three occasions – at the baptism in the Jordan, at the transfiguration, and after the triumphal entry. Scripture records that on two of these occasions Jesus prayed aloud to his Father and addressed Him by name. By allowing the disciples to hear His reply, the Father was indicating that, not only had he heard His wonderful Son, but that He would hear us also when we prayed to Him in His Son’s holy name. Indeed, on the second occasion (after the triumphal entry), Jesus himself appeared to confirm this when he said, “This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes.” (John 12:30).

Before raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus again prayed aloud to his Father for the benefit of his disciples:

“Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank You that You have heard me. And I know that You always hear me: but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent me.” (John 11:41-42)

What a wonderful passage of scripture! At a truly dramatic moment – when the Pharisees became so incensed that they considered killing *Lazarus* in order to dampen the impact of this controversial miracle – Christ revealed for the benefit of his disciples that his prayers were addressed to his Father, and that his Father always heard him, just as He will hear all believers who pray to the Father in his name.

We have here a remarkable demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit, where a rotting corpse is brought back to life, and yet the Holy Spirit is not even mentioned by Jesus.

Christ came to reconcile fallen men to his infinitely holy Father. So, when Christians fail to honour and fulfil a relationship that Christ has restored at unimaginable cost, and turn instead to the Holy Spirit, they are seriously in error.

The Holy Spirit is the Person whom Christ sent expressly to sustain and nurture the precious relationship that, by his death and resurrection, he had successfully re-established between fallen men and their heavenly Father. However, when we address our prayers to the Holy Spirit instead of our heavenly Father, we are acting contrary to the plain testimony of scripture:

“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you.” (John 16:13-14)

Faith or Sight?

Some will argue that “the worship of God” can never be wrong. But the Word of God says otherwise. If we are not worshipping God as the Bible commands, then we are not worshipping God as we should.

In addition, by praying to the Holy Spirit, Christians are effectively saying that they have less confidence and trust in their heavenly Father than they have in the Holy Spirit.

This is why, historically, there has been such a strong link between prayer to the Spirit and a craving for signs and wonders. Both are produced by a **lack of faith**.

As the author of Hebrews says, “Now faith is the substance [*foundation or assurance*] of things hoped for, the evidence [*proof or conviction*] of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1). But Pentecostals and Charismatics want visible, tangible evidence of God’s supernatural presence and power. Faith alone is not sufficient for them. They want more.

Clearly they believe that this is pleasing to God. But how can it be, for “without faith it is impossible to please him” (Hebrews 11:6)?

What is more, when Christians persist in this mistaken form of prayer they risk opening themselves to another spirit, a supernatural presence that does *not* come from God.

Who can read chapter 17 of the gospel of John and not be struck by the awesome holiness of the relationship between Christ and his Father? Significantly, he does not refer anywhere in his profound prayer to the Person of the Holy Spirit. In fact, while addressing his Father, Christ says, “And this is eternal life, **that they may know You**, the only true God, **and Jesus Christ** whom You have sent.” (John 17:3). It is the Father whom we must know, and his wonderful Son. The Holy Spirit is not mentioned.

How can we know and glorify our Father if we do not worship Him in prayer? It is simply impossible.

What role does the Holy Spirit perform in our lives?

The great transformation of all believers took place when the Holy Spirit came into the world in a new and special way at Pentecost. Christ described this momentous event as follows:

“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him: but you know him; for he dwells with you, and shall be in you.” (John 14:16-17)

Note that it was the Father who sent the Holy Spirit, not Christ. Note also that we know Him, not through invocation, but because He dwells with us. So when a believer calls the Holy Spirit to come upon him, as though He were not already dwelling within him, he displays a troubling indifference to what Christ has achieved on his behalf. The gift already given is ignored and another is sought in its place.

Remember, the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles once, and once ONLY. And this is true of every believer. After He has come to dwell in a born-again believer, He never leaves.

Every true believer is sealed permanently by the Holy Spirit until the time of his or her redemption:

“In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee [“earnest” – KJV] of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.” (Ephesians 1:13-14)

Our salvation is a “purchased possession” since the price was paid in full on our behalf by Christ, at unimaginable cost. The “earnest” is a foretaste of the awesome blessing that the believer will inherit at the time of his redemption.

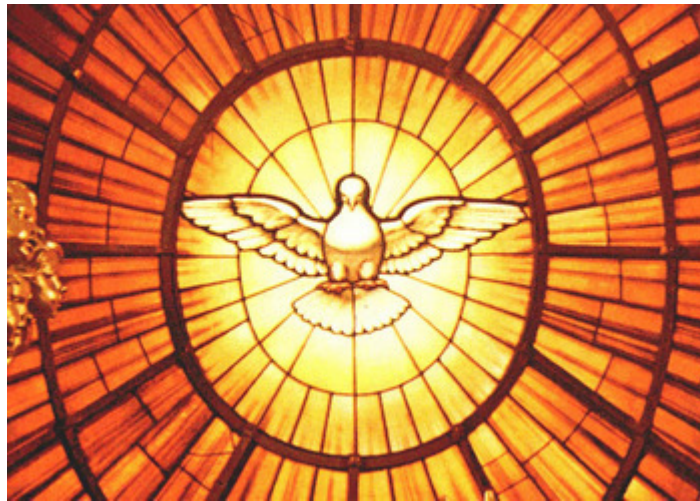
The Word of God tells us that we have been “bought with a price” and belong to God:

“Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.” (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

The Holy Spirit intercedes with the Father on our behalf from within the body of the believer (“your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost”), while Christ, in his High Priestly capacity, intercedes on our behalf at the right hand of the Father:

“Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now he who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.”

(Romans 8:26-27)



The Holy Spirit guides us in our prayers and makes it possible for us to pray in a way that is acceptable to our Father. He always points to Christ and never to Himself. He stirs within us a deep desire for spiritual things and convicts us of our sins.

Without the Holy Spirit dwelling within us, we would be unable to pray as we should. This is because He intercedes on our behalf with the Father in accordance with the will of the Father – “with groanings which cannot be uttered” – and guides us in ways that transcend our limited, sin-impaired understanding.

Christ, too, is our intercessor but he differs from the Holy Spirit in that we are expressly permitted to address him directly – “And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.” (John 17:3).

In light of all this we can see that a Christian who prays to the Holy Spirit is acting contrary to His purpose.

Did anyone in the Bible pray to the Holy Spirit?

Now let's examine the historical consequences of this unfortunate inversion.

Is there a record that even one person in the Bible prayed to the Holy Spirit? The answer to this question is a resounding no. There is not a single instance anywhere in the Word of God where a righteous, God-fearing servant of the LORD addressed his or her prayers directly to the Holy Spirit.

Not Noah. Not Abraham. Not Samuel. Not David. Not Isaiah. Not Jeremiah. Not Daniel. Not Peter. Not Paul. Not Stephen...

Indeed, it is an unsettling fact that the only ‘Christians’ who prayed to the Holy Spirit in the early days of the church were members of an heretical group of sects known as the Gnostics. What is more, there is virtually no historical evidence that any true Christians anywhere prayed in this manner before the late 19th century.

So why do the Pentecostals and Charismatics persist in thinking that it is scriptural? The answer may be summed up in three words, “signs and wonders.”

The Craving after Signs and Wonders

Historically, the signs and wonders movement is grounded in the flawed theology of the Pentecostal movement, although it has since expanded to include other denominations. It rests on the premise that if you address the Holy Spirit directly, and do so in the right way, then you are sure to witness supernatural results. And if you don't, then your faith simply isn't strong enough.

Participants are motivated by a desire to see God in action, to feel His presence, and to have their faith confirmed. But Christ never asked us to do this! Instead we are clearly instructed to worship and praise our loving Father and to address our petitions to Him in the name of His wonderful Son:

“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him.” (Luke 11:13)

Scripture plainly tells us that it is our Father who gives the Holy Spirit. We are not given permission anywhere in scripture to summon the Holy Spirit on our own authority.

Furthermore we are asked to walk by faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7), but signs and wonders **are** ‘sight’ in the full meaning of the word. Jesus strongly condemned the Pharisees as hypocrites because they continued to violate this basic principle – “A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.” (Matthew 16:4).

The sign of Jonah is the death and resurrection of Christ, which is the *only* sign a true believer needs.

The Gnostic / New Age Connection

To understand the Pentecostal-Charismatic error, it helps to know a little about Gnosticism.

Satan implemented a range of measures in the first and second centuries AD to frustrate the spread of true Christianity. These included the formation of a number of sects, known collectively as the Gnostics, that professed to be Christian but which in practice twisted and distorted the Word of God and rejected some of its central tenets. These heretical sects included the Marcionites, the Ophites, the Basilidians, and the Valentinians.

While each pursued their own assortment of beliefs, they were characterized in the main by two major heresies. The first was a refusal to accept the complete divinity and humanity of Christ in one person, including his bodily resurrection. The second was equally dangerous but more subtle – they regarded the Holy Spirit as a force or an energy, not a person. They believed that this divine energy would flow into the individual if he made contact with it in the right way, notably through contemplation or meditation, ascetic practices, monasticism, and the recitation of elaborate prayers and invocations.

Charismatics sometimes refer to the “virtue” or “power” that Christ said had departed from him when the woman with the issue of blood touched his robe (Mark 5:30 and Luke 8:46). The Gospel of Luke also includes the verse: “And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed them all.” (Luke 6:19) They mistakenly see this “virtue” or “power” as a kind of miraculous energy that the believer can tap into. They further misinterpret the many references in scripture to the “laying on of hands” to mean that, even if the Holy Spirit *is* a Person, He *operates* like an energy which believers can tap into and channel to others.

This concept is false. The Holy Spirit is not in any sense a miraculous force. Rather, as a member of the Triune Godhead, He is exactly what sound Christian doctrine has always taught, namely a Person.

The Greek word translated “virtue” or “power” is *dynamis* or *dunamis* (Strong’s G1411). It does not denote an essence or energy in this context but simply the authority and competence of a person when imbued with the Holy Spirit. The Bible never describes the effectual activity or *modus operandi* of this miraculous power. All we know is that it is exercised solely in accordance with the will of God.

His ways are higher than our ways. We don’t know how God does what He does – “Thy way is in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known.” (Psalm 77:19). We fall into error when we presume to know his “footsteps” or how the Holy Spirit carries out the will of the Father. This error is magnified when we ascribe to the Holy Spirit the characteristics of a supernatural energy or essence.

The New Age movement, which is corrupting the minds and hearts of so many today, is Gnosticism in a modern form. Its practitioners believe the universe is filled with a divine energy or ‘spirit’ and that by using the right techniques they can make contact with it like the Gnostics of old. Furthermore, they gladly concede that the ‘spirit’ they are trying to contact is not the Third Person of the Christian Trinity, but a different spirit entirely.

The Apostle Paul warned the Corinthians that unless they exercised the necessary discernment they too were at risk of receiving “a different spirit”:

“For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted...” (2 Corinthians 11:4)



Another spirit

Any spirit other than the Holy Spirit is rooted in the occult or magical realm. It is spiritually harmful and deceitful, and subject one way or another to the scheming will of Satan.

Practitioners of witchcraft call it the Force and use ancient occult rituals and incantations to invoke it. Exactly the same is true of pagans in religions like Hinduism, who worship many ‘gods’ (fallen angels) and who try, via yoga and meditation, to connect with the ‘Cosmic Energy’, known variously as *prana*, *prakriti*, *purusha*, *akasha* and *shakti*.

The question that every Christian needs to ask is this: When you pray “Come, Holy Spirit!” what assurance do you have that you are not contacting another spirit?

Indeed, what ‘spirit’ does a non-believer contact when he or she attends a Christian prayer meeting and participates in a “Come, Holy Spirit!” prayer? When you are *slain in the spirit*, what ‘spirit’ knocks you out? When you speak in tongues, what ‘spirit’ is speaking through you? And when you lose all sense of time and find that an hour or more has elapsed since you entered an altered state, what ‘spirit’ was controlling you?

Pentecostals and Charismatics really *must* ask these questions.

Various Eastern religions and African animists speak in tongues, and Hindus are slain in the spirit, a phenomenon known as *shakti pat*. Others groups, such as the Sufis, dance around in an ecstatic trance, make strange sounds, and claim to be touched by the spirit. Imagine all of this taking place at a New Age seminar in a Marriott hotel in a large American city, and then imagine the same human behavior in another seminar room at the same hotel, but with a ‘Christian’ label on the door. Can you honestly say that one is scriptural and the other is not?

The Toronto ‘Blessing’

The so-called Toronto Blessing is a pseudo-Christian manifestation of similar occult phenomena, and has been from its inception. All who participate in this bizarre activity – with its phrenetic episodes of barking, laughing, fainting and so forth – are foolishly opening themselves to a supernatural force that has nothing whatever to do with the Third Person of the Holy Trinity. Indeed, to associate these psychotic aberrations with the Triune God of Christianity is nothing short of blasphemy.

The Toronto ‘Blessing’ is actually a curse, a perversion of all that Christ taught his disciples. Any person wishing to receive the ‘blessing’ must either go to its supernatural stronghold in Toronto or else ‘receive’ it by touch from someone who has been there. In this regard it is very similar to the *Latihan* exercise developed and popularized by Muhammad Subuh, an Indonesian Moslem, and later adapted by cult leader Osho (Bhagwan Rajneesh), a Hindu, to propel his followers into an ecstatic or altered state.

It is a mark of the appalling condition of institutional Christianity in both Europe and America that the highlight of the *Alpha Course* is a ‘Come, Holy Spirit Weekend’ where participants are encouraged to seek experiences similar to those reported by attendees at Toronto. The *Alpha Course* itself, which claims to teach the basic principles of Christianity, is actually approved and promoted by the Roman Catholic Church – a fact that ought to sound a loud warning to all true Christians. Rome has even included the ‘Come, Holy Spirit’ doctrine in its official Catechism. [We will return to this shortly.]

Satan hates true Christian Prayer

A high-level witch who converted to Christianity once said that there is only one thing that Satan really fears and that's an old-time Southern Baptist preacher armed with a King James Bible. He is extremely dangerous because he knows the Word of God and because he prays faithfully to his Father.

Satan hates and fears the Word of God, and he hates and fears true believers who pray to their Father.

Over the centuries he has devised a number of ways to stop professing Christians (loosely defined) from praying as commanded in scripture. Here are just a few from the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox traditions:

- Mindless repetitive prayer (like the Catholic rosary)
- Prayer to a goddess (the Catholic Mary)
- Prayer to a deceased person (necromancy)
- Prayer to another Jesus (such as the false 'Jesus' taught by Rome)
- Prayer from the liturgy
- Contemplative prayer and *lectio divina*.

While some of these have been foolishly adopted by certain Protestant denominations – and are becoming increasingly prevalent in the apostate Emerging Church movement – the greatest weapon directed against true Bible-based Christianity has been Freemasonry, with its vile Luciferian oath. No professing Christian who takes that oath can come before the Father in prayer unless he repents of that deadly sin. Alas, tens of millions of 'Christian' homes have been destroyed spiritually by this filthy deception.

Satan has also tricked millions of professing Christians into praying “to the Spirit” instead of the Father. The vast majority of people who accepted this new mode of prayer did so without checking to see whether it had any scriptural validity. Most were satisfied with just a few verses taken out of context. One of their favorites was (and still is) Joel 2:28 (which is also mentioned in Acts 2:17):

“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions”

Pentecostalism is based almost exclusively on an interpretation of the second chapter of Acts (the events on the day of Pentecost) that has almost no regard to statements made elsewhere in scripture about the ministry and person of the Holy Spirit. The Pentecostal craving for signs and wonders is so strong that they simply ignore any scripture that shows that their peculiar understanding is defective. The Holy Spirit is not a force. Neither is He a fluid that can be poured down from heaven, despite attempts to interpret the words “pour out my spirit” in this way.

The heretical belief that the Holy Spirit is a fluid, or has the characteristics of a fluid, was likely given further impetus by the spread of Mormonism and Christian Science in America in the 19th century. The Mormon cult is riddled with Masonic doctrine. Among its many pagan teachings is the belief that the Holy Spirit is a fluid that permeates the universe. Here is how one of their principal authorities described it:

“...all the varied and grand displays of nature are but the tremblings, the vibrations, the energetic powers of a living, all-pervading, and most wonderful fluid, full of wisdom and knowledge, called the HOLY SPIRIT.”

- Orson Pratt (1811-1881) [Pratt was one of the leading experts on Mormon doctrine and an original member of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles.]

The fluid-force doctrine of the Holy Spirit is occult to its very roots and is one of the many cunning devices that Satan has used to deny the Trinity, confuse believers, and place invisible obstacles between man and God.

The Holy Spirit is a Person and there is nothing that anyone can do to ‘invoke’ Him. His work and His ministry are exercised completely in accordance with the will of the Father. As the Third Person of the Triune Godhead, He acts only for the glory and exaltation of Christ Jesus. Therefore we are commanded to pray, not to the Spirit, but to the Father:

“You are my friends if you do whatever I command you...that whatever you ask the Father in my name He may give you.” (John 15:14-16)

What could be simpler? And yet fallen man tries continually to come up with ways to get around this, to subtly satisfy his carnal desires without coming before the Father in true repentance and humble obedience. We should hardly be surprised that Satan exploits this shamelessly, and to great effect.

Alas, the Pentecostals and Charismatics don’t want to do what Jesus commanded! They don’t ask the Father in the name of His wonderful Son! Instead they do something that scripture has *never* commanded and *never* approved and *never* recorded. And then they ask why their lives are so difficult, why they feel so far from God, why the visible church is so weak, and why they experience such long periods of doubt, confusion and loneliness.

The Roman Catholic Connection

As noted earlier, the Roman Catholic Church has officially approved the invocation ‘Come, Holy Spirit’ and described it as a valid mode of prayer. The Catholic Catechism (1992) included the following doctrinal statement:

2670 “No one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except by the Holy Spirit.” Every time we begin to pray to Jesus it is the Holy Spirit who draws us on the way of prayer by his prevenient grace. Since he teaches us to pray by recalling Christ, how could we not pray to the Spirit too? That is why the Church invites us to call upon the Holy Spirit every day, especially at the beginning and the end of every important action.

Traditionally this type of prayer has never been used by the vast majority of Roman Catholics, so why is it included in the Roman Catechism? The answer is *Ecumenism*. Rome is working hard to lure the ‘separated brethren’ or ‘ecclesial communities’ – the so-called Protestant churches – into the Roman fold and, in this way, to destroy what is left of true Biblical Christianity. The ‘Come, Holy Spirit’ invocation is ideally suited for this purpose since it is unscriptural, charismatic, and widely used by a large segment of the Christian community:

2671 The traditional form of petition to the Holy Spirit is to invoke the Father through Christ our Lord to give us the Consoler Spirit. Jesus insists on this petition to be made in his name at the very moment when he promises the gift of the Spirit of Truth. But the simplest and most direct prayer is also traditional, "Come, Holy Spirit," and every liturgical tradition has developed it in antiphons and hymns. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

The Charismatic Movement is approved and funded by the Roman Catholic Church, and Roman Catholics worship alongside born-again believers at Charismatic services. So when Pentecostals allege that ‘speaking in tongues’ is a sign that the Holy Spirit is working through them, they had better think again – because many Roman Catholics who attend these meetings **also** speak in tongues!

Despite their charitable works and professions of faith, the overwhelming majority of Roman Catholics are not born again. They venerate a goddess and pray to the dead; they reject the exclusive and unchanging authority of God’s Word; they submit to men with ‘divine’ power who transmute bread into human flesh; and worst of all, they do not recognize the complete sufficiency of the sacrifice that Christ made on the cross. These egregious heresies ought to convince even the most obdurate reader that Roman Catholics are not saved and that when they speak in tongues it is not the Holy Spirit that is speaking through them but another spirit entirely.

Roman Catholic Idolatry

It is notable that the Roman Catholic Catechism – see the Appendix – is unable to offer scriptural support for the “Come, Holy Spirit” prayer. When it quotes the Apostle Paul, “No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit” (1 Corinthians 12:3), it implies that this verse is somehow substantive, when clearly it has no relevance whatever.

Incredibly it even quotes Gregory of Nazianzus (d.390) as follows:

“If the Spirit should not be worshiped, how can he divinize me through Baptism? If he should be worshiped, should he not be the object of adoration?”

Not only is this so-called justification both shameless and hollow, it is dangerously unscriptural since the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, which commences when we are born again, does not ‘divinize’ us or turn us into gods. The idea that man can be ‘divinized’ is heresy of the worst kind and a core tenet of New Age gnosticism.



Roman Catholic goddess worship

The idolatrous nature of the official Roman Catholic position is made even more evident in paragraph 2682 of their Catechism:

2682 Because of Mary's singular co-operation with the action of the Holy Spirit, the Church loves to pray in communion with the Virgin Mary, to magnify with her the great things the Lord has done for her, and to entrust supplications and praises to her.

According to Rome the Virgin co-operates with the “action of the Holy Spirit” and therefore one’s prayers to the Spirit may be made “in communion” with her. This raises her – a created being – to the level of a deity, a goddess on a par with the Third Person of the Holy Trinity. This in turn lends support to yet *another* tenet of Gnosticism, namely that the Holy Spirit is feminine, not masculine.

Christians sometimes make a similar error when they describe the presence of God in Solomon’s Temple as the *shekinah* glory. This term, *shekinah*, comes directly from the Kabbala (a Christ-hating system of magic) and denotes a feminine essence or emanation. The *shekinah* is a dangerous occult concept, with no application whatever in Biblical Christianity.

Satan’s Deadly Plan

Do you not see where all of this is leading? Satan knows what he’s doing, but most professing Christians today seem to have little understanding of his plan. Indeed, many do not seem to be aware that he has a plan, and a sizeable number do not even believe that he exists or that he is determined to destroy them.

Bible-based Christianity is being subjected to severe and continuous assault from all sides. One of its principal assailants is the Roman Catholic Church. A vast organization with immense wealth, she vowed long ago to destroy any Bible-believing church that rejected her authority. This vow is still in force and is being pursued in a sinister and covert way on a global scale. Every victory is important to Rome, but the prize she really lusts after is the United States.

As many Christian theologians and Bible scholars have stated over the past four hundred years, the system of Rome is the system of Antichrist, a potent form of Babylonian paganism concealed beneath a Christian veneer.

Unless a significant number of true, born-again Christians turn to their heavenly Father in repentant, heartfelt prayer, the One World Religion of the Antichrist will take shape surprisingly quickly and destroy what is left of the visible church. **It is imperative therefore that professing Christians everywhere give up their idolatrous practices and their Gnostic invocations, and do as God's Word has commanded.**

Christ came to reconcile us with our Father, to set us free from the power of Satan. He made an incredible sacrifice toward that end. And yet countless professing Christians continue to undervalue or even ignore the priceless gift that our wonderful Savior has earned for each one of us, namely true fellowship and communion with our Father.

How do we become filled with the Holy Spirit as the Bible instructs? By praying to our Father! It is not a mystery. It is not complicated. But it requires something that most professing Christians today seem to lack, namely a burning desire to please their Father and obey His Holy Word – all of it – without question.

A time is coming, and is nearly upon us, when many will cry out in the night for their Father's shelter and protection. But if they have forgotten how to pray as Christ directed, what hope have they?

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APPENDIX

From the Official Catechism of the Roman Catholic Church (1992)

"Come, Holy Spirit"

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If the Spirit should not be worshiped, how can he divinize me through Baptism? If he should be worshiped, should he not be the object of adoration? [22]

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Heavenly King, Consoler Spirit, Spirit of Truth, present everywhere and filling all things, treasure of all good and source of all life, come dwell in us, cleanse and save us, you who are All Good. [26]

2672 The Holy Spirit, whose anointing permeates our whole being, is the interior Master of Christian prayer. He is the artisan of the living tradition of prayer. To be sure, there are as many paths of prayer as there are persons who pray, but it is the same Spirit acting in all and with all. It is in the communion of the Holy Spirit that Christian prayer is prayer in the Church.

21 1 Cor 12:3.

22 St. Gregory of Nazianzus, Oratio, 31, 28: PG 36, 165.

23 Cf. Lk 11:13.

24 Cf. Jn 14:17; 15:26; 16:13.

25 Roman Missal, Pentecost Sequence.

26 Byzantine Liturgy, Pentecost Vespers, Troparion.

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2680 Prayer is primarily addressed to the Father; it can also be directed toward Jesus, particularly by the invocation of his holy name: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us sinners."

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